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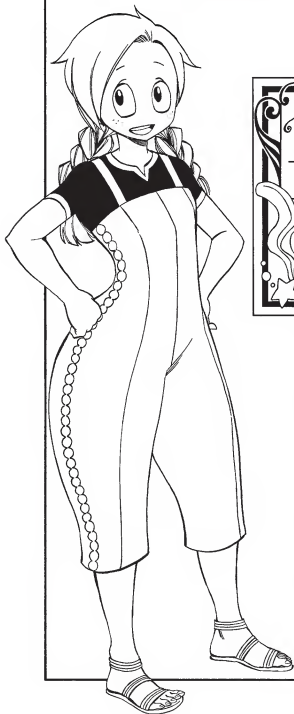
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Chapter 370: Devil Reincarnation



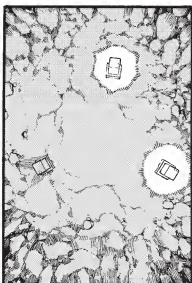
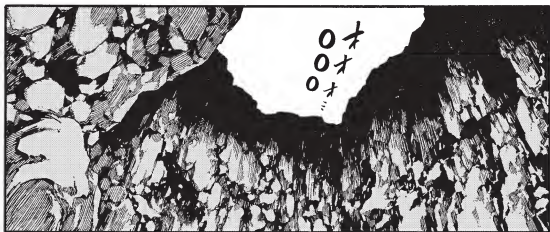
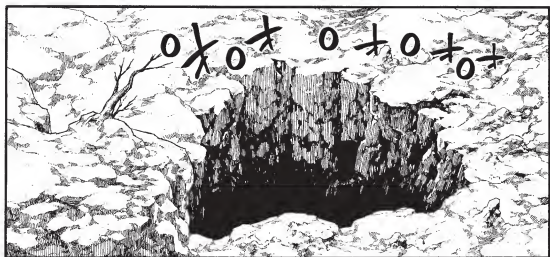
MERMAID HEEL	
Name: Beth Vanderwood	Age: 16
Magic: Vegetable Magic	
Likes: Vegetables	Dislikes: Garden pests

Remarks

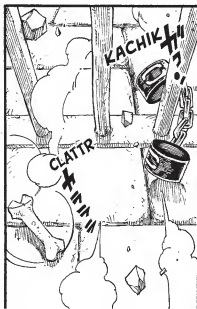
An immigrant from the western continent. She also serves as the nutritionist for Mermaid Heel. Vegetable magic is magic that makes fruits and vegetables grow from the ground and attack one's opponent. These fruits and vegetables are edible, but they aren't nutritious, and they taste awful.

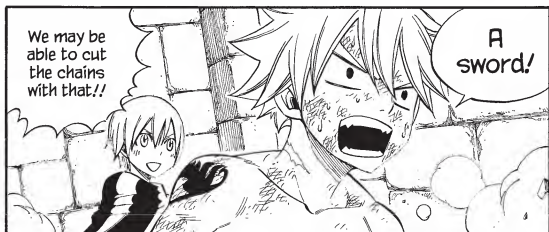
She thinks the key to growing good vegetables is to put one's heart into it, so she has established a farm as a side business as well.

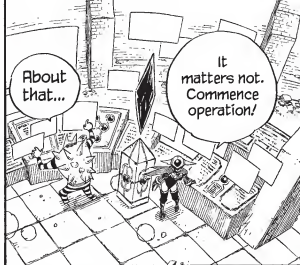
She's noticed that Millianna treats Kagura like an older sister, but she doesn't know that Millianna is actually older than Kagura.

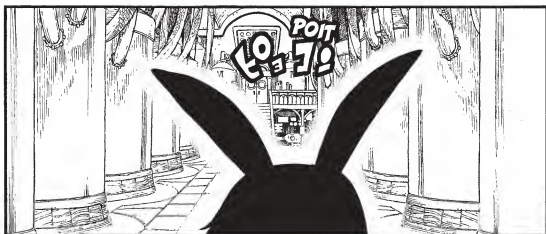
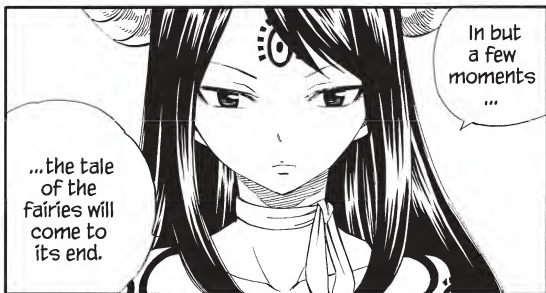














What'll we do?
What'll we do
if they're *born*
'cause of that
shaking just
now?

FA FA FA
FA FA FA
FA FA FA!

TARTAROS
KYŌKA FORCE
LUMMY

BOING
LO

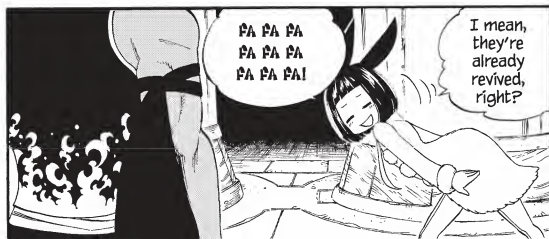


Never
!!!!



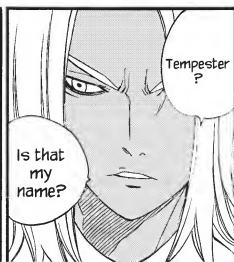
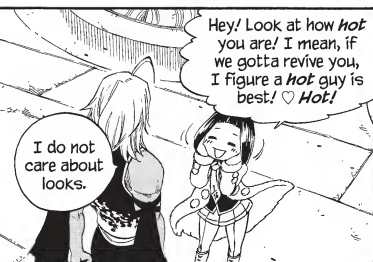
Oh, but
should I
worry...?

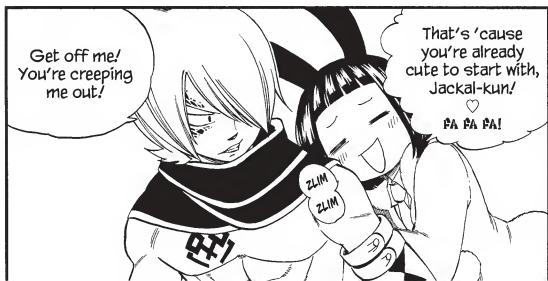
LO
BOING

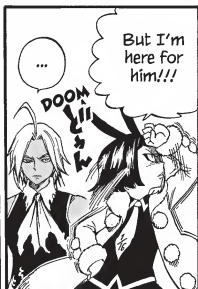
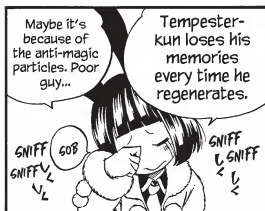


FA FA FA
FA FA FA
FA FA FA!

I mean,
they're
already
revived,
right?



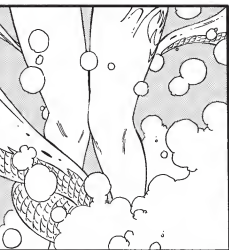
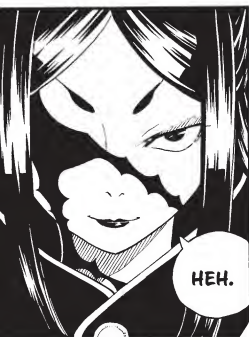
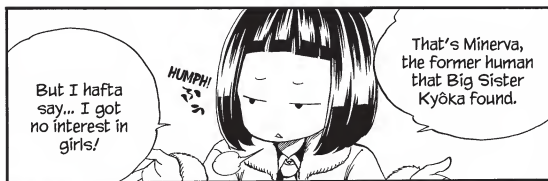


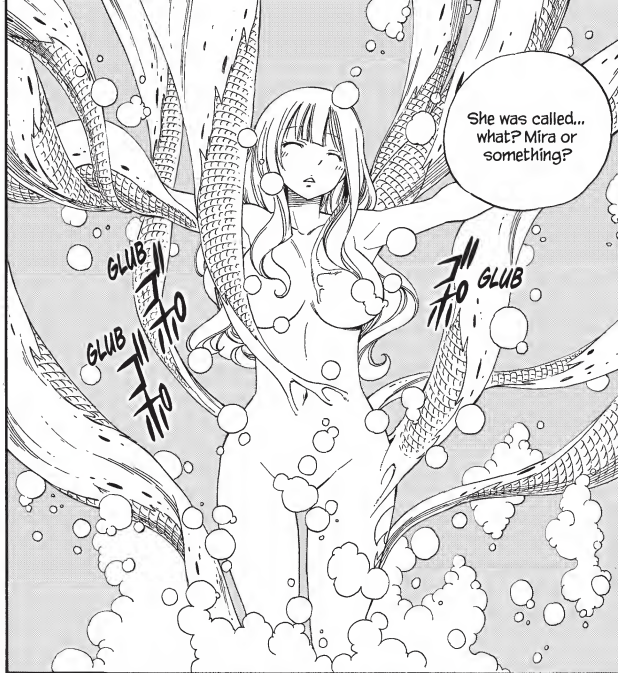


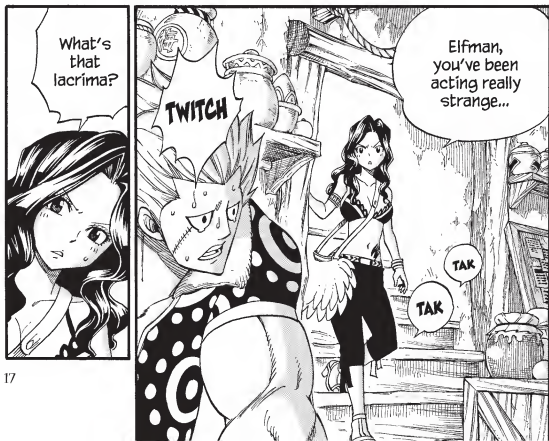
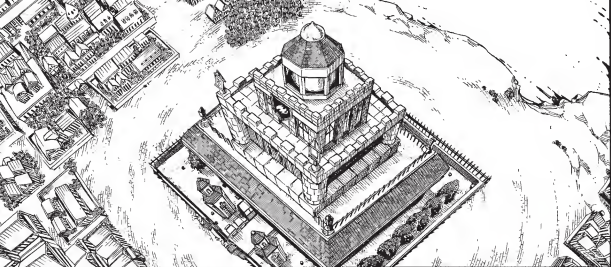


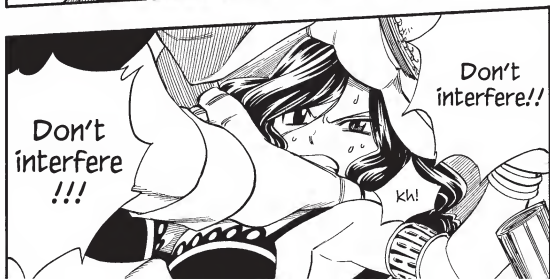
So this is
a demon's
power...?

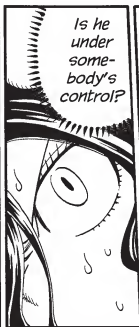
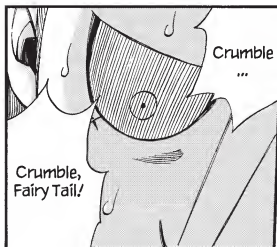
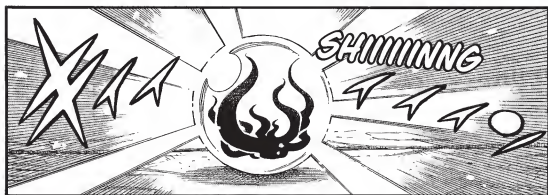
I feel it
surging
within
me...













I managed
to locate the
enemy base!!!
I've found
them!!!!



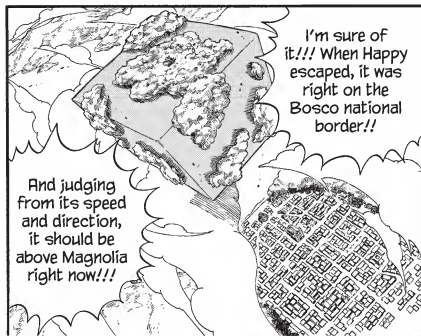
Huh?

They're
right
above
us...

It's
directly
above
us...



Well
done!!



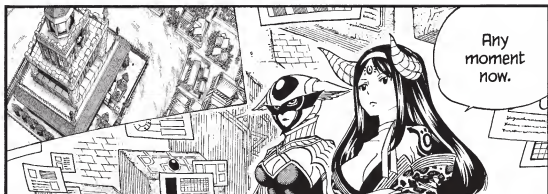
I'm sure of
it!!! When Happy
escaped, it was
right on the
Bosco national
border!!

And judging
from its speed
and direction,
it should be
above Magnolia
right now!!!



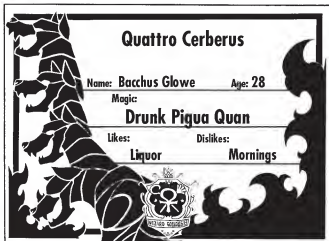
Those
creeps
are right
up there?

What
was that?





FAIRY TAIL



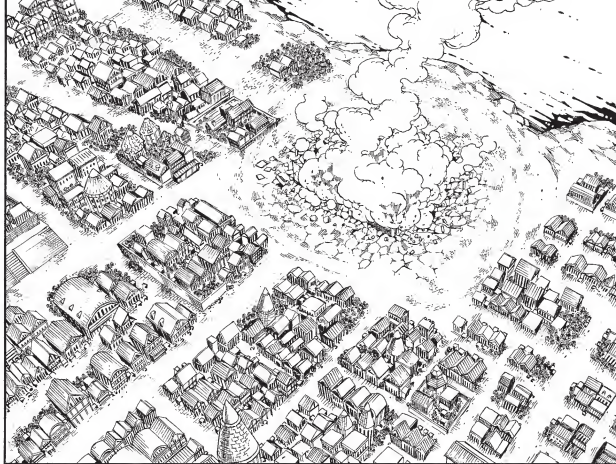
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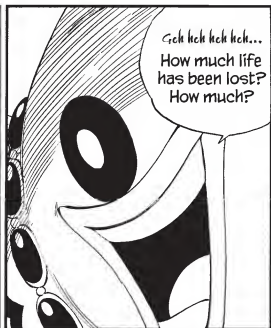
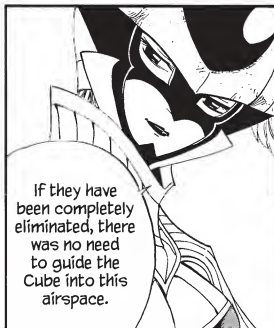
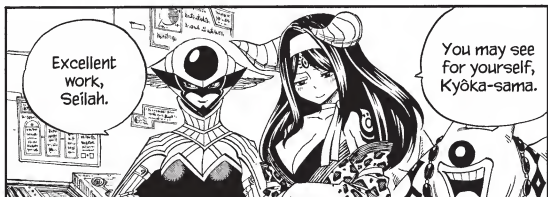
The ace of Quattro Cerberus. Seven years ago, he was strong enough to go one-on-one against Erza. His strength hasn't diminished any, but during the Games, he lost to Elfman, and now he's on a serious training journey to get even better.

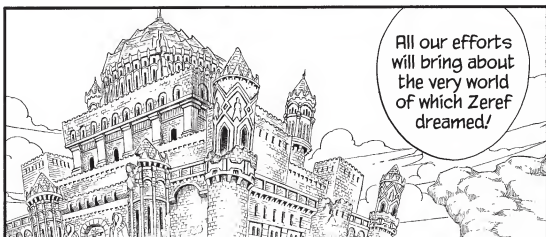
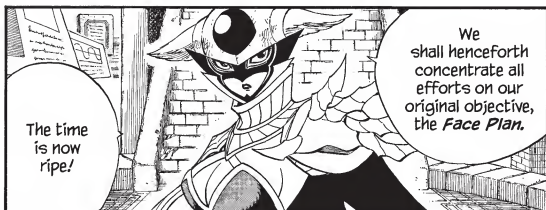
He and Cana are still drinking buddies, and every now and then, they drink a liquor barrel dry together.

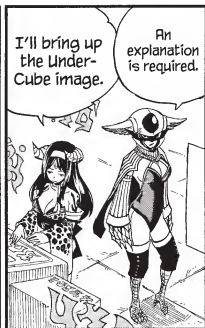
There is also a band of thieves who call themselves Bacchus, but he has nothing to do with them now.

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Song of the Sky Dragon

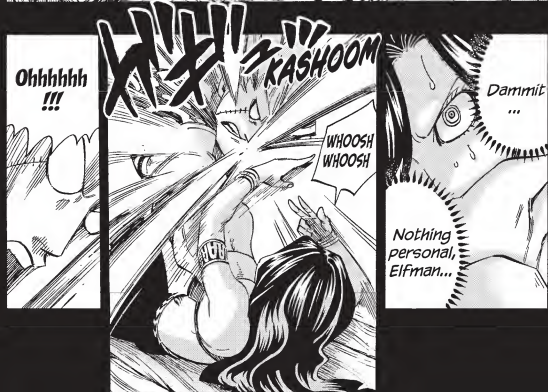
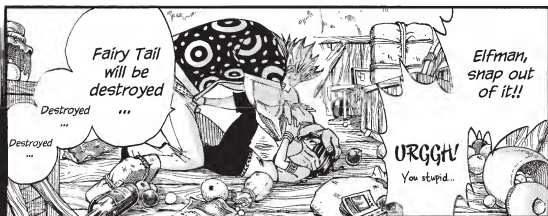
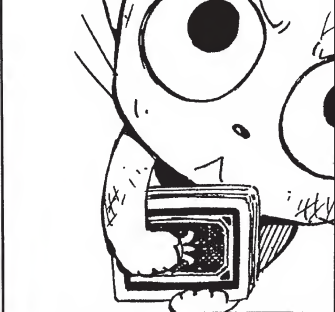
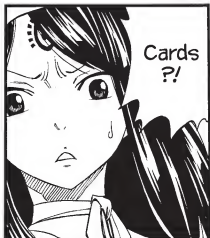


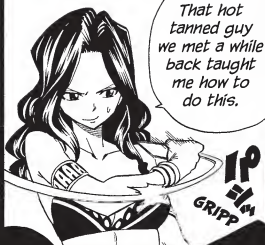












That hot
tanned guy
we met a while
back taught
me how to
do this.

IP
GRIPP

POFF

Destroyed
...

Destroyed
...



SHIING

RUMMMBLE



RUMMMBLE

!



Yaaaah!!!!



Let's
go!!!!



That
thing's
about to
blow!!!!

Dammit
!!!

TUMP
TUMP
TUMP



All
of you,
into
cards
!!!

Some are
wounded, and
some are too slow
to save themselves,
so this was all I
could do!!



Was
that you,
Cana?!



PA-POFF
to to!

I know
this
magic...

What
just
happened
?!!



Huh?



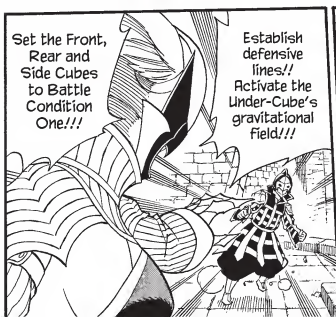
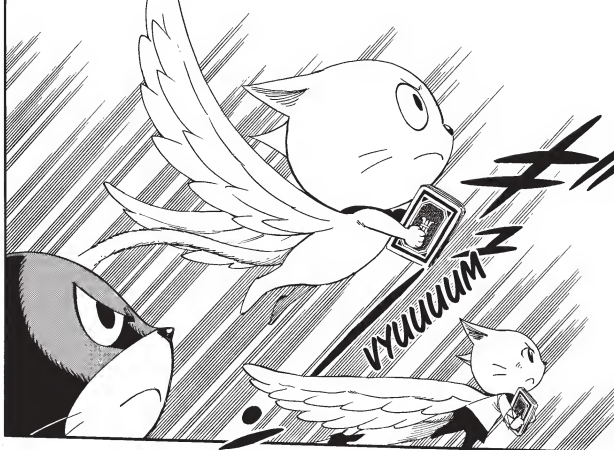
What
?!

The guild's
about to
explode!!! Get
out of here,
and counter-
attack!!!!

Happy!!!
Carla!!!
Lily!!!



All cards,
back into
my hand!
Salvage!!





Let *none*
approach the
Top Cube!!!



A black and white manga-style illustration of the Fairy Tail guild members running towards the viewer with determined expressions. The background features large, stylized Japanese text 'Fairy Tail' and the phrase 'Fairy Tail, to battle!!!!' in English.

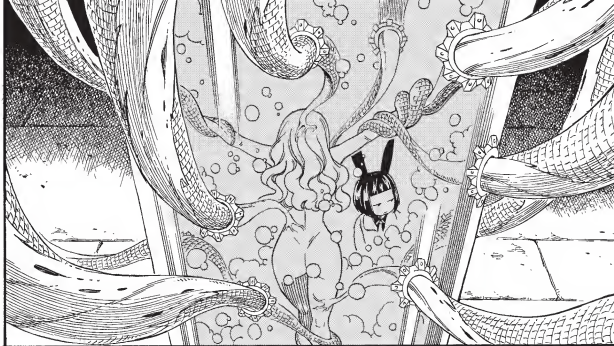
So get on your feet!

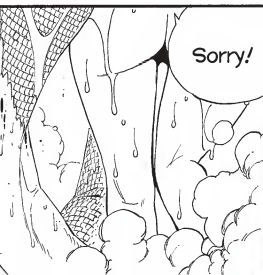
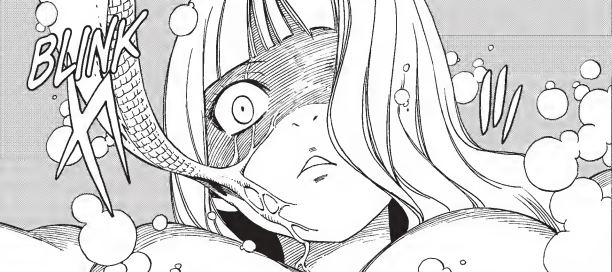
You're about to save Lisanna and Mira, right?

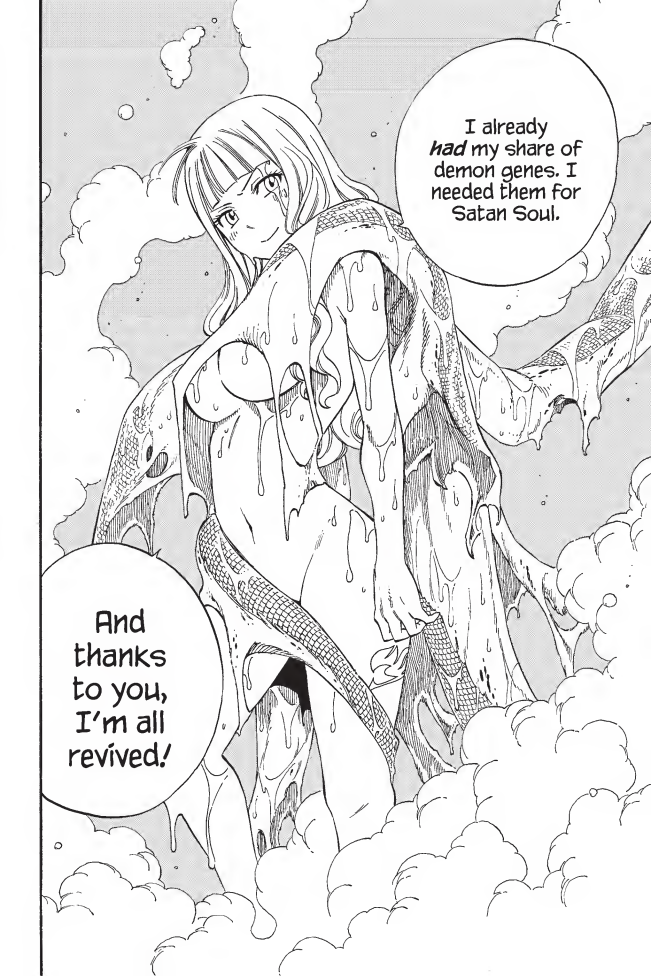
TUMPT
TUMPT TUMPT

What have I done...?

What
have...

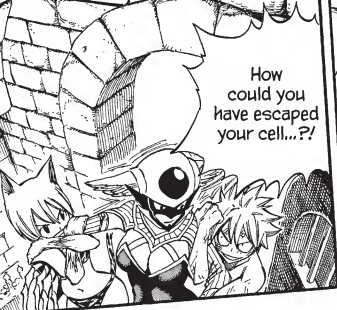






I already
had my share of
demon genes. I
needed them for
Satan Soul.

And
thanks
to you,
I'm all
revived!



How
could you
have escaped
your cell...?!



The Heat
Blade?!

This
sword's
got lot-sa
power!



Where is
Erza?!



You showed
me such
hospitality
while I was
your guest.



*And now
we got
ya!!*

We've been
waiting for
you!!!

GRATCH
HI

GRATCH
HI

***Allow me to
repay you in
kind!***



Chapter 372: Breakthrough



The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

PART 1

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Saitama Prefecture, Minoru Chiba



▲ Wa ha ha! What is this? (Laughs) That doggy Gildarts is just the best!!

▼ Seilah, Tartaros's beauty. Just how much power does she have?



Tokyo, Hiestro Uematsu

▼ Nine Demon Gates Unite!! The Fight begins now!!



Gumi Prefecture, Kyoyuuka Yokinaga

Fukuoka Prefecture, Wakagi



▲ Very well drawn!! And with Lucy and Carla!! You'd think they'd go together, but it's a rare pairing.

REVELATION CORNER!

Th- This battle has the lowest stakes I've ever seen...



Iwate Prefecture, Nozomi Takeda

Toshiki Prefecture, Miki Abe



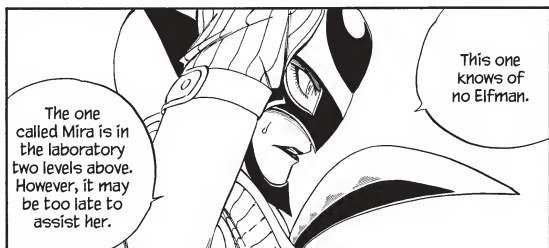
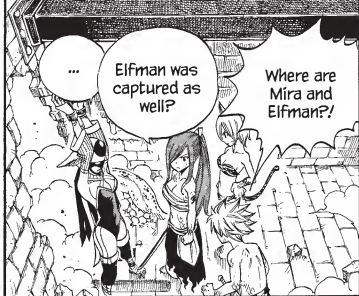
◀ Natsu and Sting! You know, someday I'd like to draw the two of them working together.

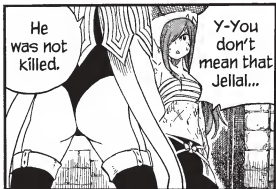
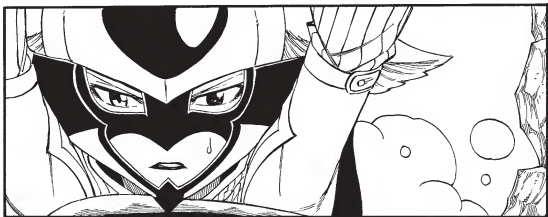
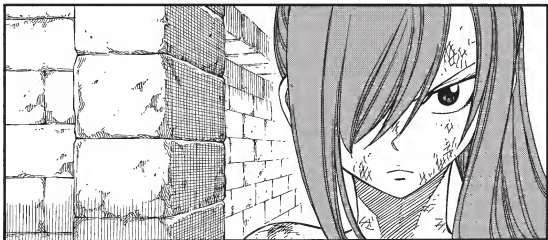


▲ The older-guy enemy characters. You like drawing the old men, huh?

Kanagawa Prefecture, Ryut

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He was not killed.

Y-You don't mean that Jellal...



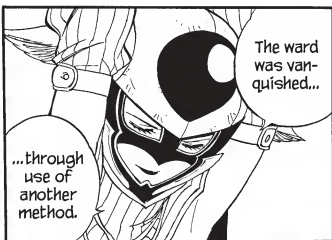
Face's wards were removed, and our castle reacted.



What was that shaking?

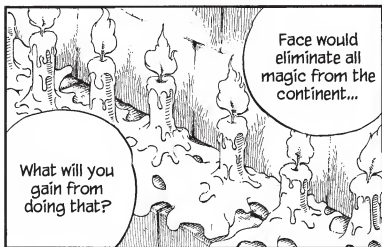


What's
your
ultimate
goal?



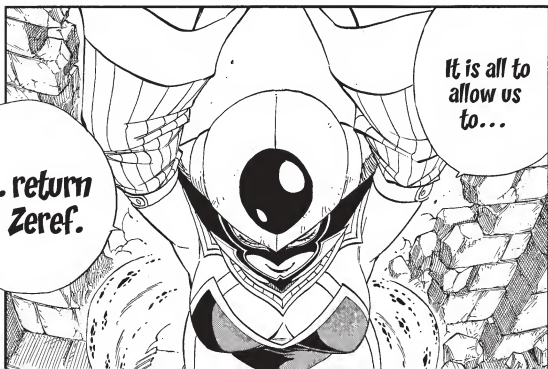
The ward
was van-
quished...

...through
use of
another
method.



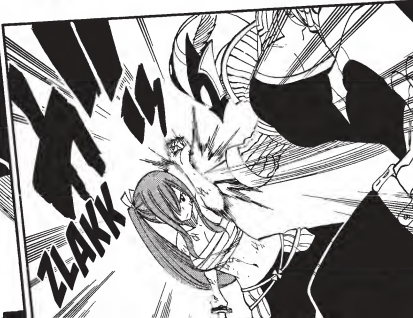
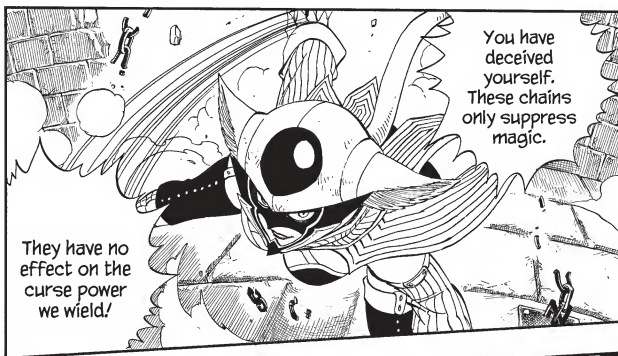
Face would
eliminate all
magic from the
continent...

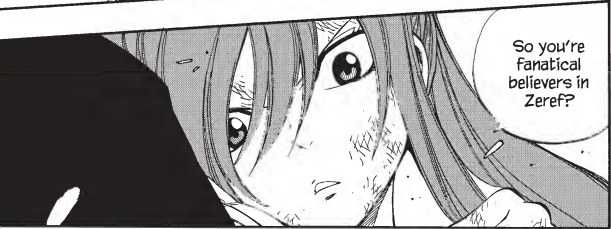
What will you
gain from
doing that?



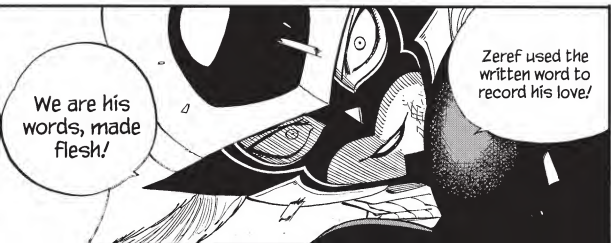
...return
to Zeref.

It is all to
allow us
to...



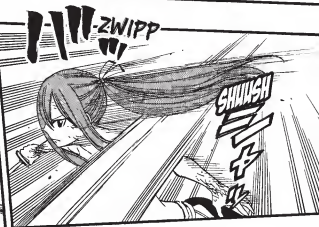
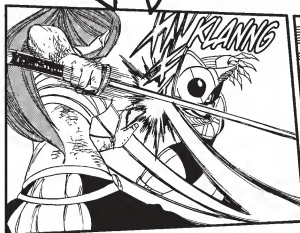


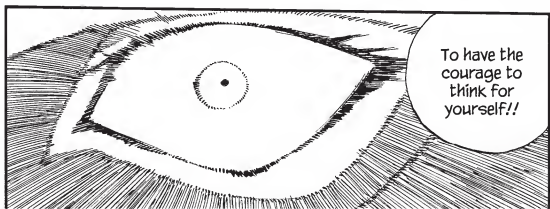
So you're
fanatical
believers in
Zeref?



We are his
words, made
flesh!

Zeref used the
written word to
record his love!

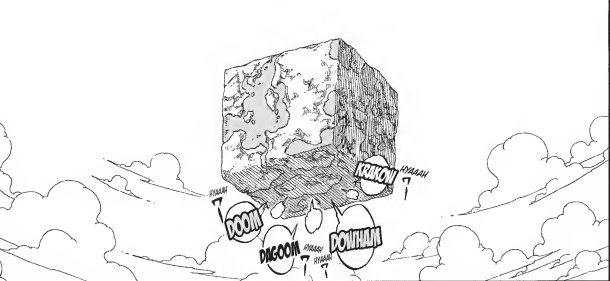




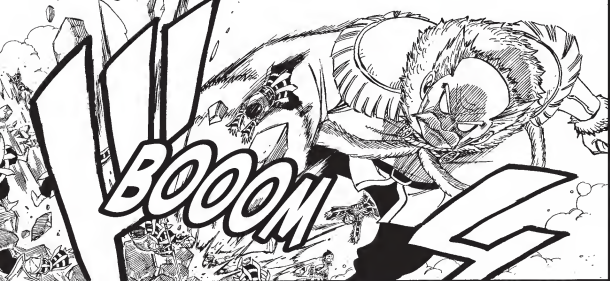
A black and white manga-style illustration. A character with long hair, wearing a helmet and armor, is being crushed by a giant, stylized hand. The hand is composed of large, angular blocks. The character is screaming in pain. A speech bubble from the character says "To walk under your own power!!!!". A sound effect "GAAH!" is written in a jagged box near the character's head. The background is filled with motion lines and debris.

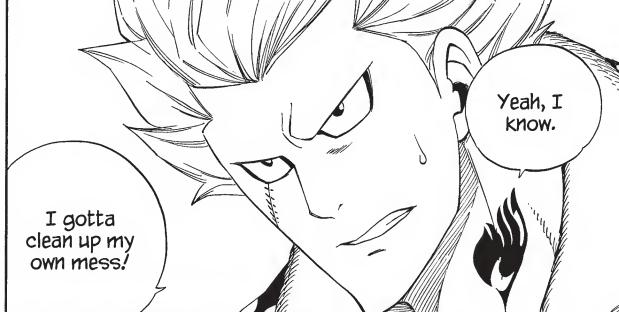
To walk
under
your own
power!!!!

GAAH!



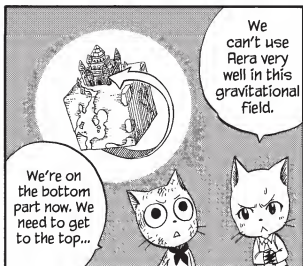
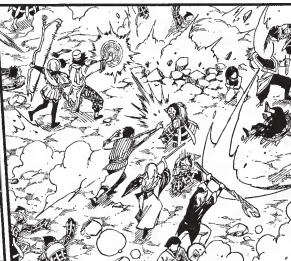
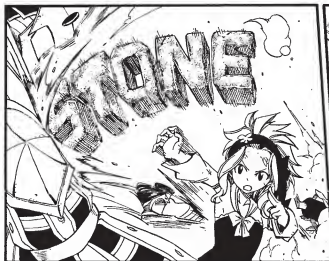






Yeah, I know.

I gotta clean up my own mess!



We can't use Aera very well in this gravitational field.

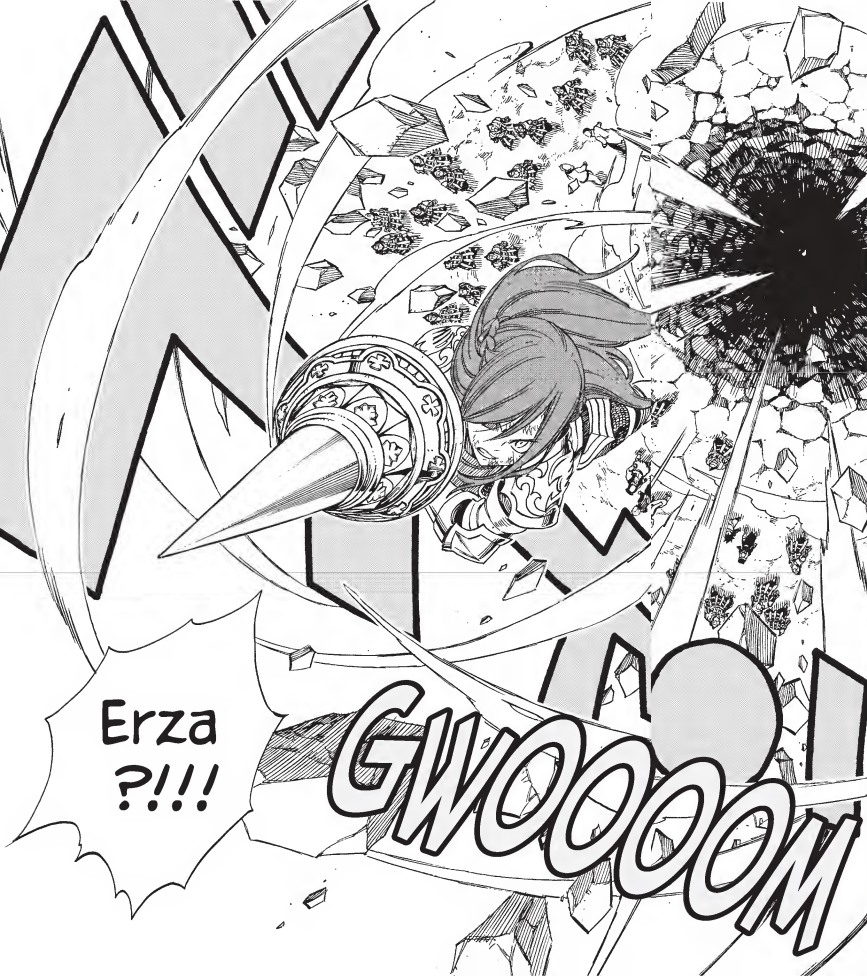
We're on the bottom part now. We need to get to the top...



How're we supposed to get to the castle?!

We can't seem to find a place to break through!





Erza
?!!!

GWOOOOM

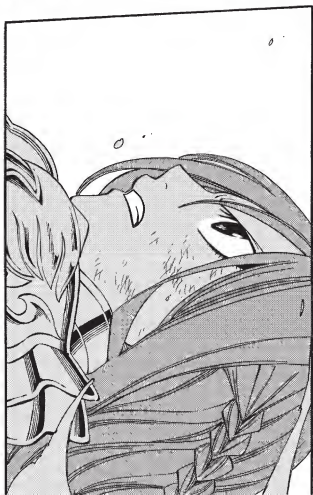
What was
that?!!!



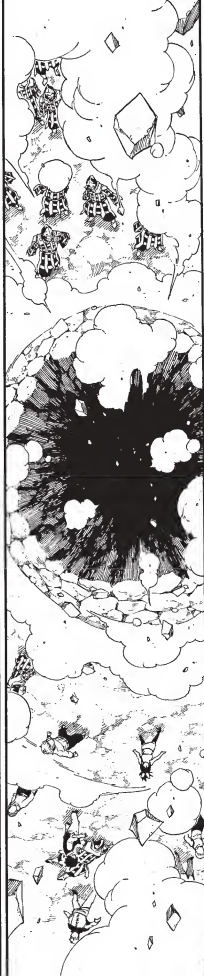
The
ground
is...



BOOOOM



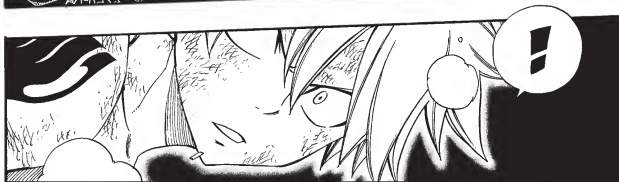
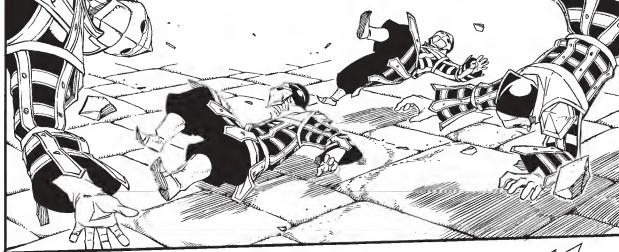
**She
broke
through
!!!!**

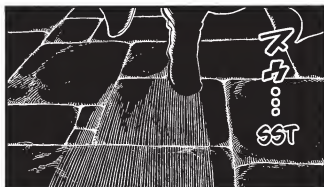




DOGOOON

Hyaahh
!!!!





To
Tartaros, the
bookshelf of
Zeref.

The city
where my
books live.

FAIRY TAIL



Quattro Cerberus

Name: All the other members

Magic: Stuff

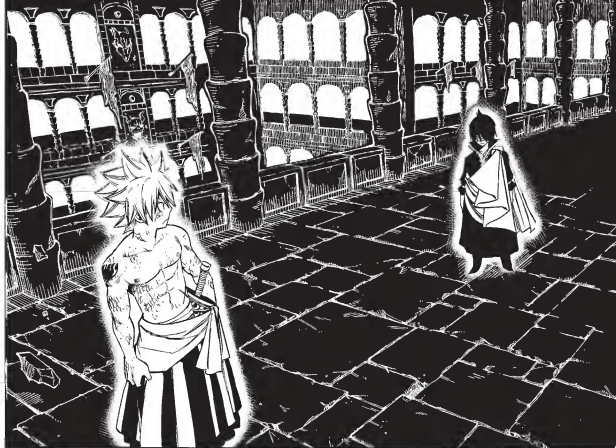
Likes: Other stuff

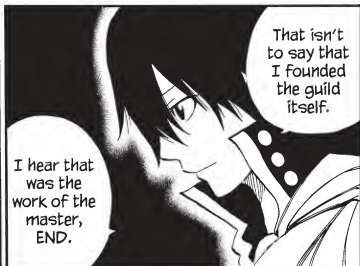
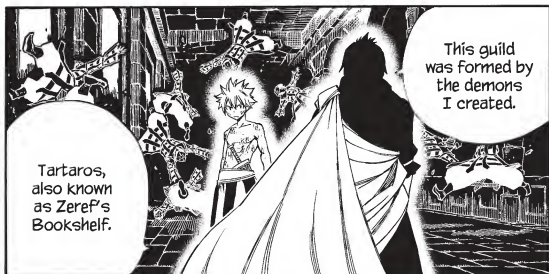
Dislikes:

Remarks

Nothing, really.

Chapter 373: To Kill or Let Live







The one
he *could not*
kill. His
mistake.

I'll finish what my dad started!!!!

Then I'll take it down!!!!

CHANK



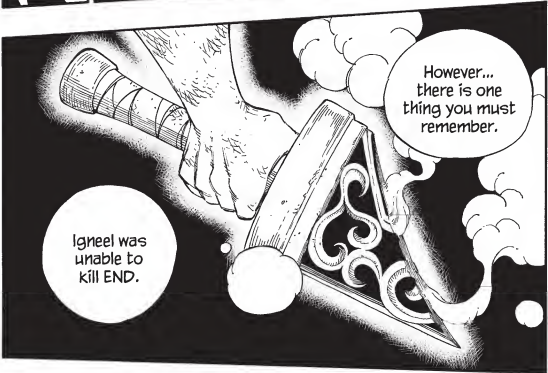
I'll finish
what
my dad
started!!!!



I believe
you
could.

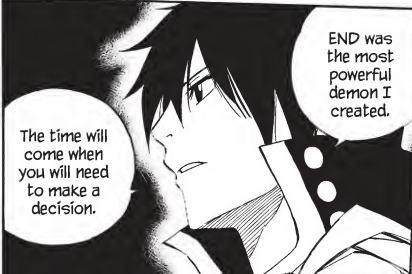


GACHANK



However...
there is one
thing you must
remember.

Igneel was
unable to
kill END.

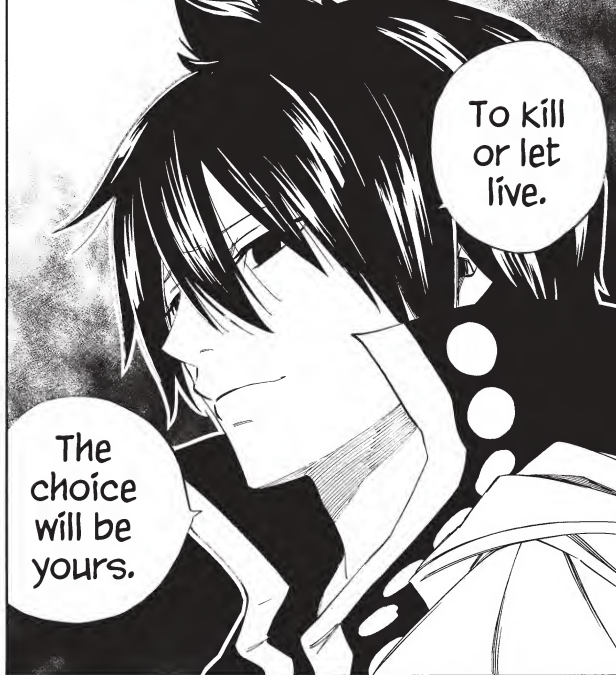


END was
the most
powerful
demon I
created.

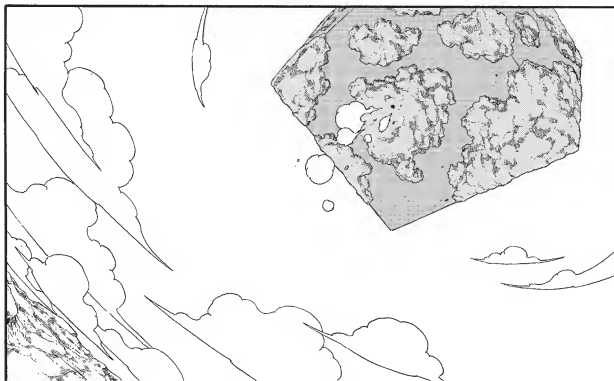
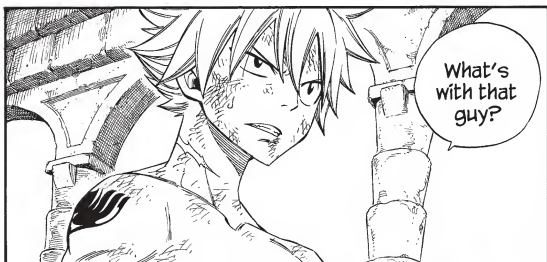
The time will
come when
you will need
to make a
decision.

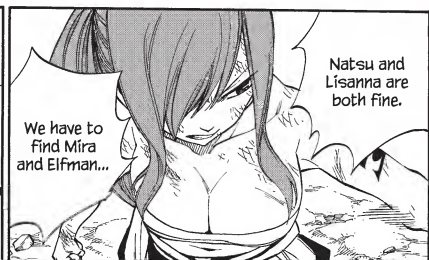


Huh?









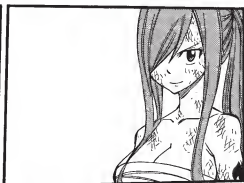
Don't forget
to get blood
from the one
with the Devil
Particles!!



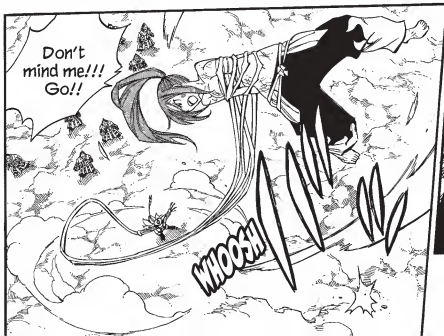
WHOOSH WHOOSH WHOOSH



And I'm
gonna save
Mira!!!!

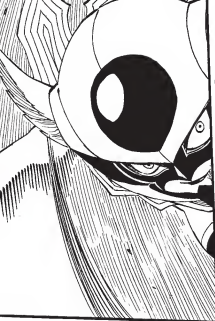


Don't
mind me!!!
Go!!



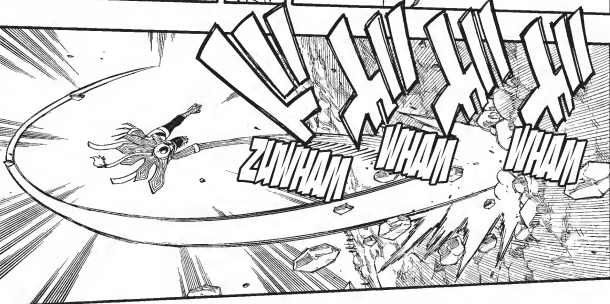
Erza!!!





The
wards on
Face are
gone!!!!

We have
to find
a way to
stop it!!!

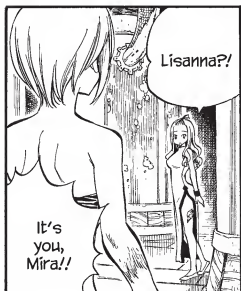
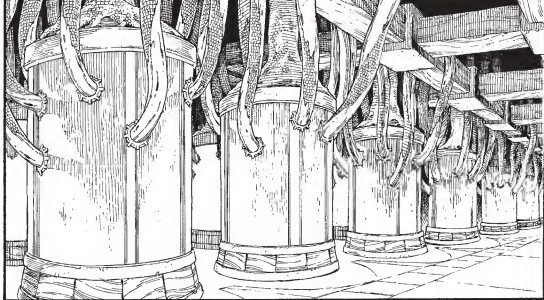


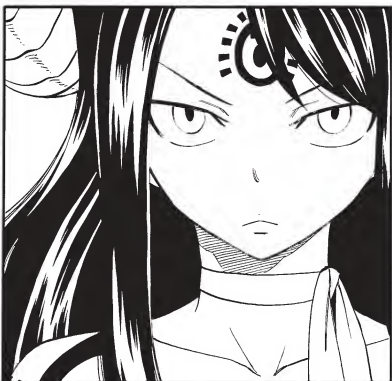
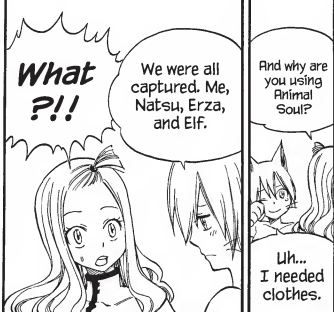
This
one has
grown...

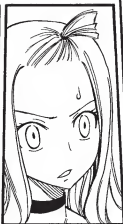
...Fond of
you!



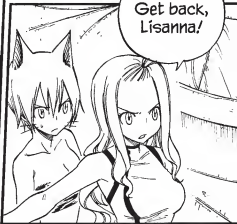
I haven't
expressed
my gratitude
enough yet,
have I?



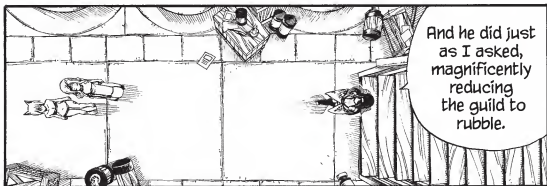




I directed the
one named
Elfman to
destroy your
guild.



Get back,
Lisanna!



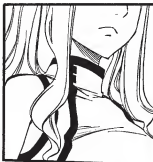
And he did just
as I asked,
magnificently
reducing
the guild to
rubble.

And *that*
man was
to blame!!

I was
humiliated
before
Kyôka-
sama!



GRIND



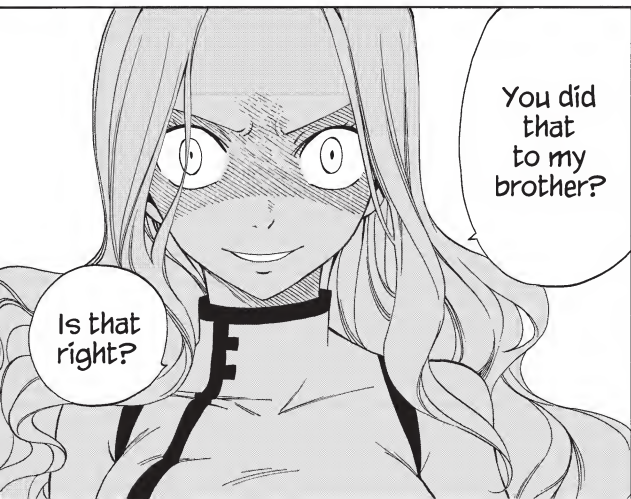
However, I failed
to fulfill my
objective... Not
one wizard was
killed.





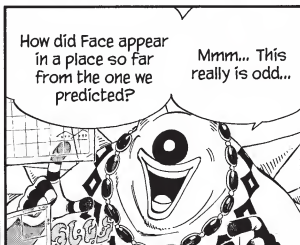
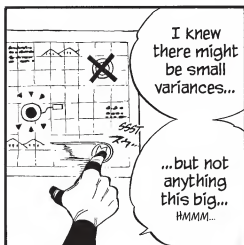
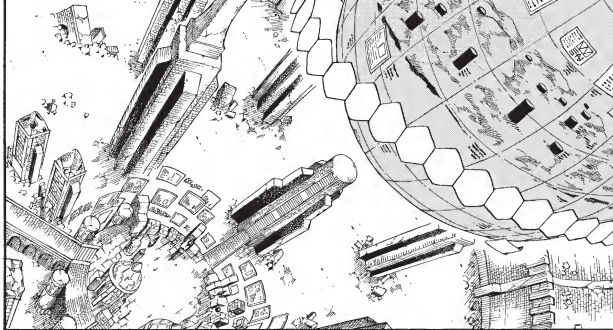
So
I will take
my vengeance
by killing his
elder sister!

My tale is
unraveling...



You did
that
to my
brother?

Is that
right?



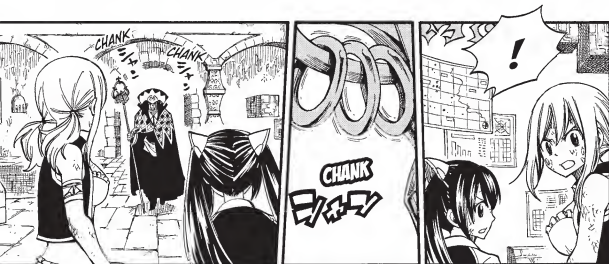
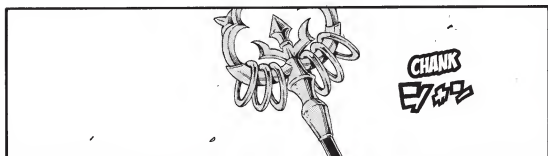


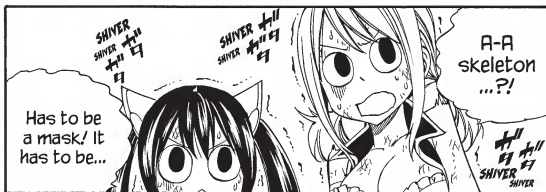


What'll we do?!
What'll we do?!
We gotta let
everybody know!!
WAAAAHH!

Forty-one
minutes?! All
the continent's
magic will be
gone in 41
minutes?





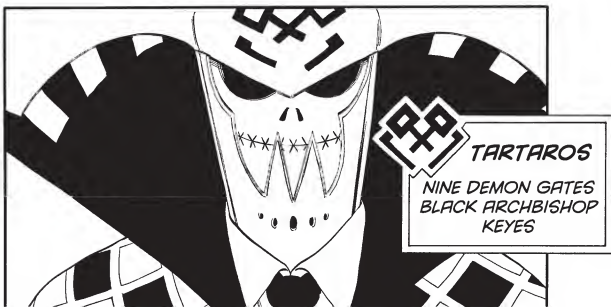


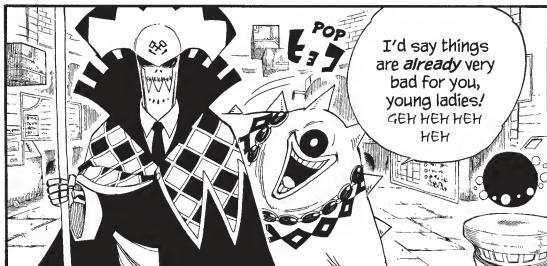
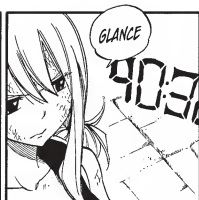
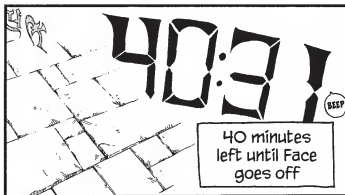
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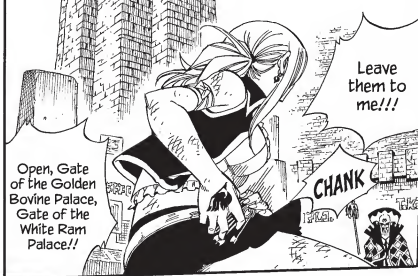
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 374: Revolution









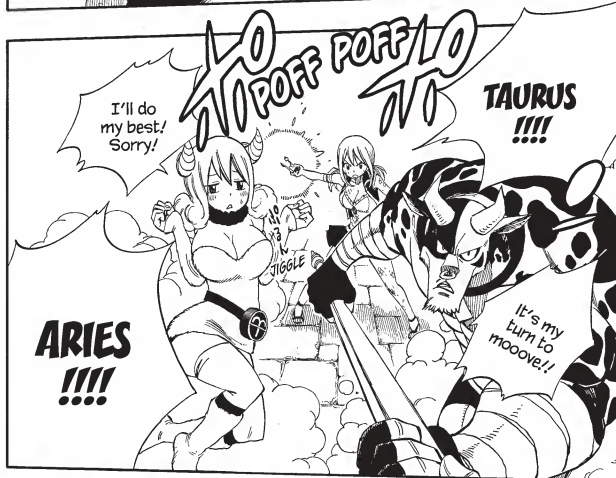
Open, Gate
of the Golden
Bovine Palace,
Gate of the
White Ram
Palace!!

Leave
them to
me!!!

CHANK



There
are two
now?!



I'll do
my best!
Sorry!

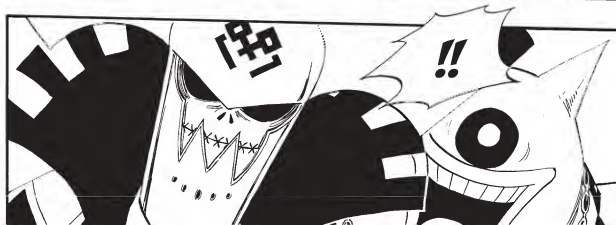
POFF LO

TAURUS
!!!!

ARIES
!!!!

It's my
turn to
mooove!!

TIGGLE



!!



Fluff?

FLUFF
毛

FLUFF
毛

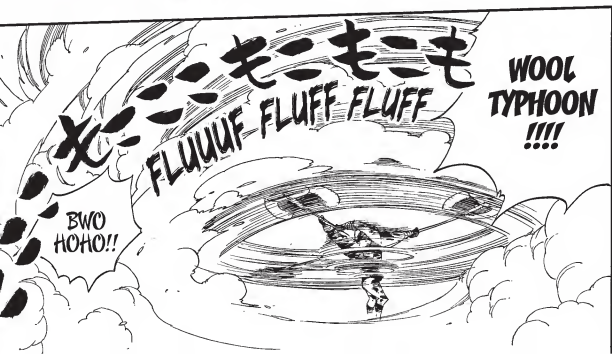
One
Hundred
Percent
Fluffy-
Fluffy
Wool!!!!



Mooooo!!



BWOHOHH!



毛 毛 毛
FLUFF FLUFF FLUFF

WOOL
TYPHOON
!!!!

BWO
HOHO!!



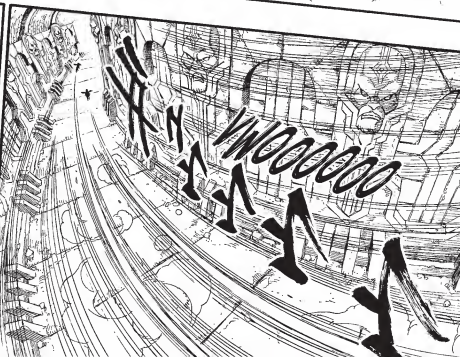
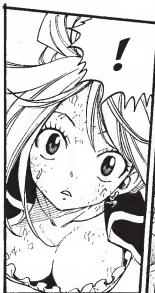
In the
Great
Caverns of
Cowbane
Canyon!!

Do
you know
where Face
is?



Aye!

Now's
our
chance!





No... He should still be in that control room back there!!

Maybe he found a way to cut us off!



Aye, Sir!!!

We're gonna blow past him, Happy!!!!



...the star of destruction's...

Regard...



Outta
my way
!!!!



Lucy!!
Wendy!!



Great
timing
!!!

Gray-
san!!!



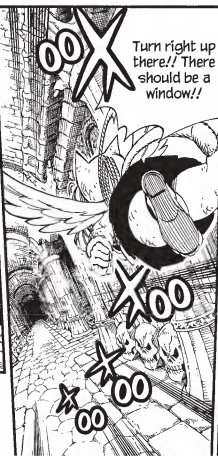
What was
that?



Sorry,
we're in a
hurry!!

Thank
you!!

Whoa!!





You
won't get
away!!

ぬうん
BWAHA

毛
FLUFF

毛
FLUFF

毛
FLUFF



Lucy-
san!

Happy!

は
PUNZA

Kyaa!!

What
is Aries'
wool doing
here?!

Huh?!

Wendy,
there's no
time!!!!
Go!!!!

Carla, be careful!!!!

FWOOMPH

Didn't I say
you weren't
getting
away?!!!

Right
!!!!

BOOMFF

!!



We meet
again, you
one-eyed
creep!!!!

*Natsu
!!!!*

BOOM

Natsu Natsu
!! !!

He always
comes in and
steals the
scene!

You...
?!!

Face is about
to go off!!!
We can't stop
it from here,
so she has to
go find it!!

Wait, why
are you
guys
here...?

Where's
Wendy going
in such a
hurry?

Thank you,
Natsu-
san!!

They'll be
fine with
Natsu
there!

!!

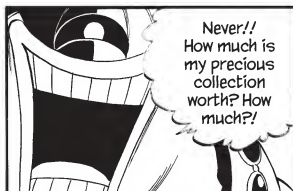
AAAA
AAAA
ARRGH
!!

But we gotta
rescue Mira
and...

Wha-
?!!!

I know!!
We'll have to
leave Face to
Wendy!!







I'll punch
those souls
out of
you!!!!

**You
mousey
jerk!!!!**

You're
using it
wrong!!



Aries
!!



毛ニ FLUFF

Natsu-
san!



!! BWAHHH

Natsu
!!!

I'll do you a
favor and suck
up your soul
too!!!!

DOOM

Geh heh
heh!

GAAH
!!

SLAM

KLENN

You
big...

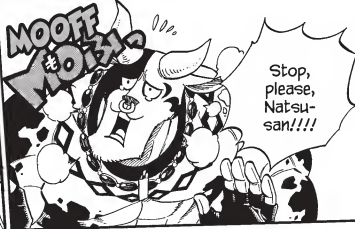
SKRRRECH

VOOSH

BOOM



Taurus
?!



Stop,
please,
Natsu-
san!!!!



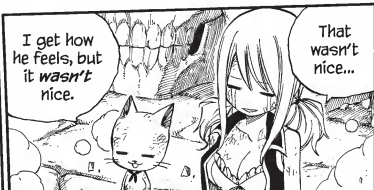
Sorry,
but him
I can
hit!!!!

MOOOO
!!

WOOM



You little
brat!!!!

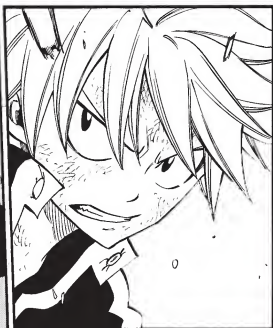


I get how
he feels, but
it *wasn't*
nice.

That
wasn't
nice...



Now I'll show
you the most
valuable soul in
my collection
!!!!





FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 375: Herculean Madness

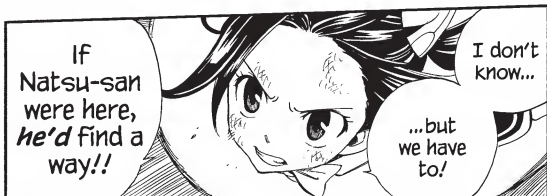




I know!!
But one
thing...

How are we
supposed to
shut down
Face?

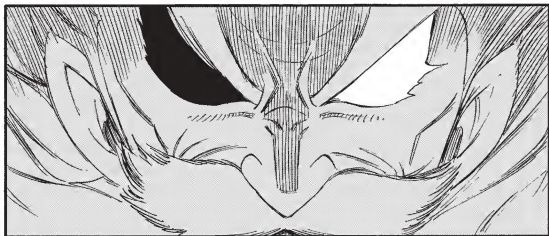
We've got
to hurry,
Carla!!
Faster!!



If
Natsu-san
were here,
**he'd find a
way!!**

I don't
know...

...but
we have
to!



GEH HEH HEH HEH

**Master
Hades?!!!**

*Wait, this
is kinda
weird!!!!*

BOMM

When he was the master of Grimoire Heart, it was the strongest dark guild in the world!!



He was a genius wizard who dived too deep into the darkness!!!

Who cares what it looks like?!!
It's Hades!!!
You're all afraid of Hades, right?!!



The body is totally bizarre!!!!

Not especially...

He was the closest to a demon that a human can be, so how much is his magic worth? How much?!



I discovered his body by accident when I was pursuing Zeref seven years ago!

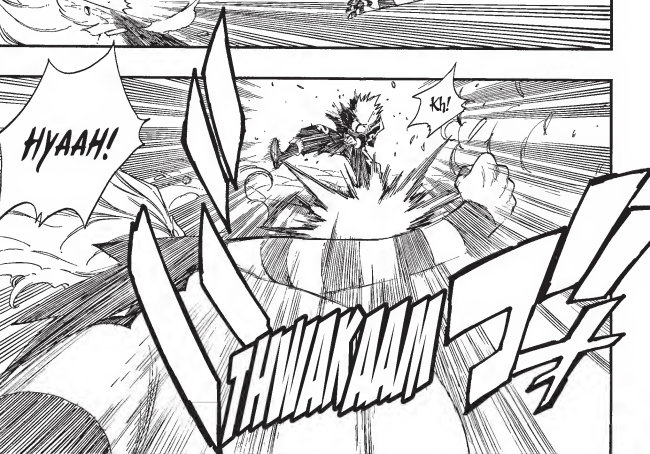


WHA?

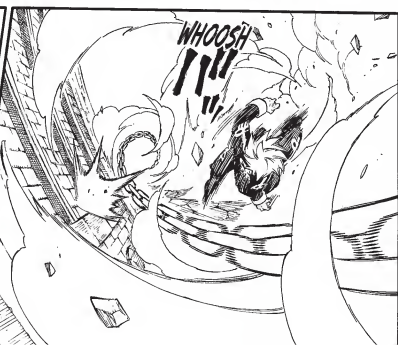
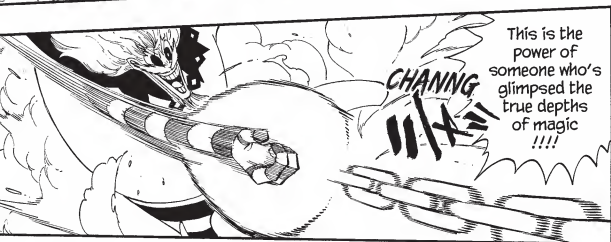


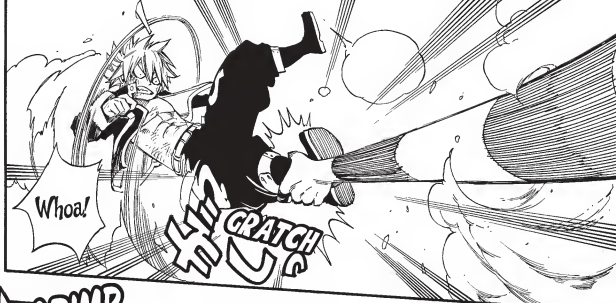
When he went up against me, he got beat!













*Lightning Fire Dragon's









We are
demons of
the Book
of Zeref!!



But I hope
you don't
expect to
defeat us all
so easily.

It was you,
right? The
one who took
down Jackal?

He
can *do*
that...?!?









It's
all right.
Thank
you!

I'm
sorry,
Wendy...

I think
I used
too much
magic...



There's
a tunnel
leading
in!

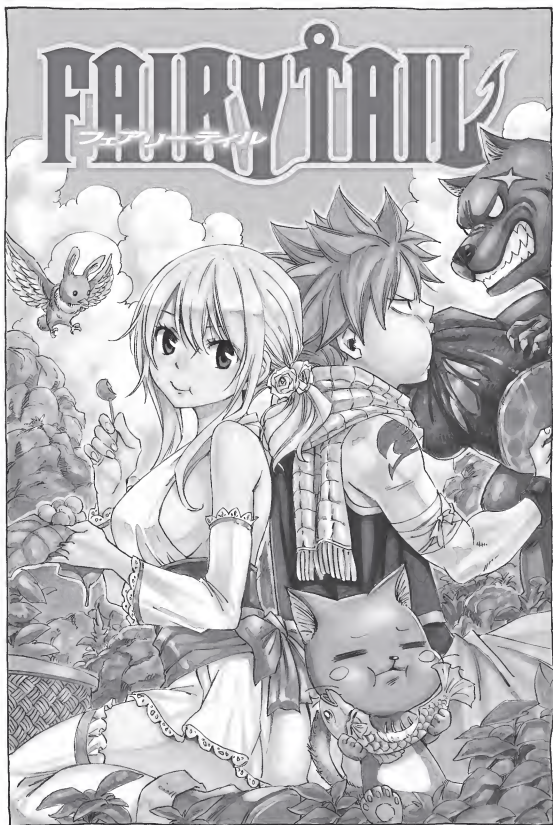
Let's
go!



It's
deep!

I wonder
where Face
is?





Chapter 376 Wendy vs. Ezel

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PART 2

FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Gunma Prefecture, Orange Jely



▲ Whoa! Cute! I'm kinda digging Erza here!

▼ The Tartaros arc is really heating up!! Who will play the next big part?



Aichi Prefecture, Mayu Matsunaga

▼ This is the volume where Wendy really shows her stuff!!



Ibaraki Prefecture, Sayaka Kimura

Tokyo, I'm Black Butler!



▲ Really cute! Sometimes drawing it square-ish is kinda nice!

REVELATION CORNER!

Whoa!! This guy is way over-reacting, but... he's right. The world needs rejections too.



Kyoto, Kobone Aesano



▲ Hey, a Rave/Fairy Tail collaboration! Bring back memories! Thank you!!

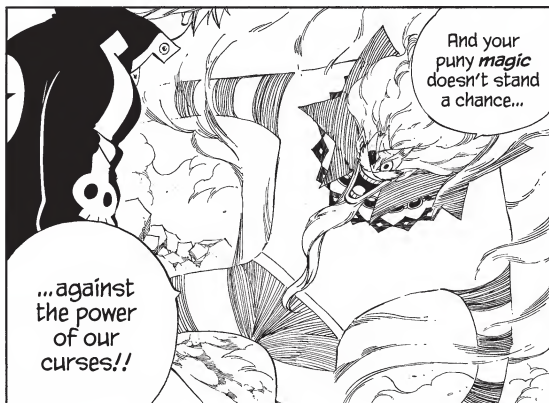
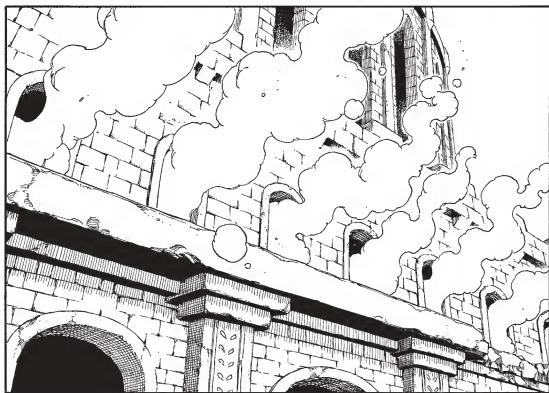
Handwritten, Saira Yokoi

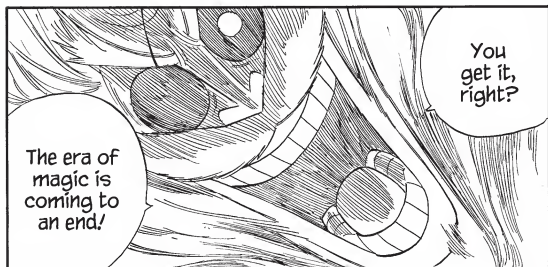
Tottori Prefecture, Haruna Sato

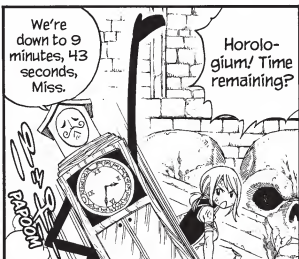
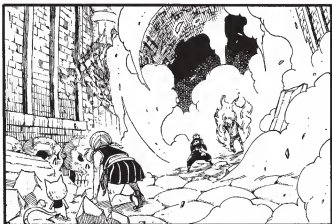


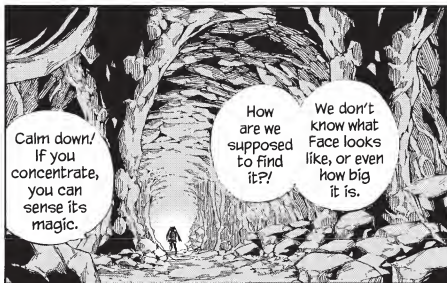
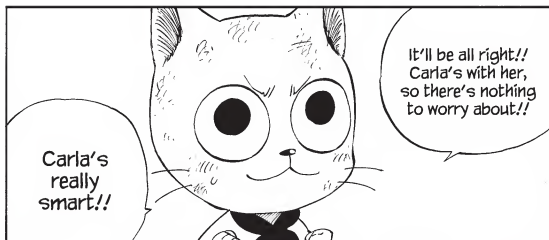
▲ If you're a Mavis fan, you should check out Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!!

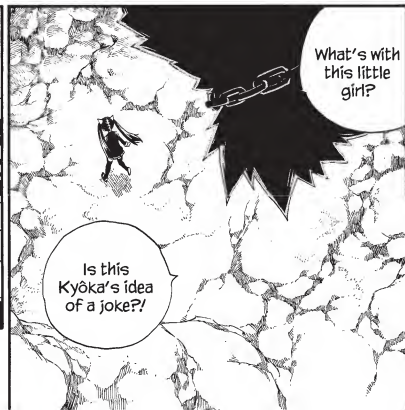
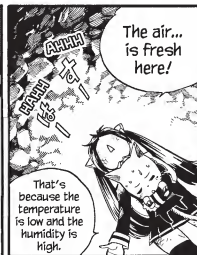
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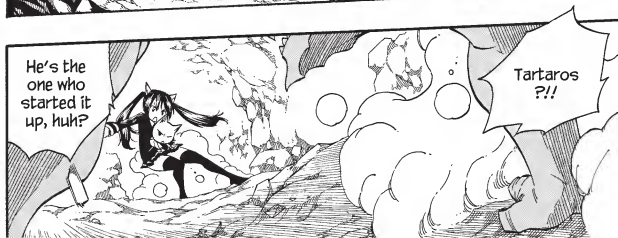
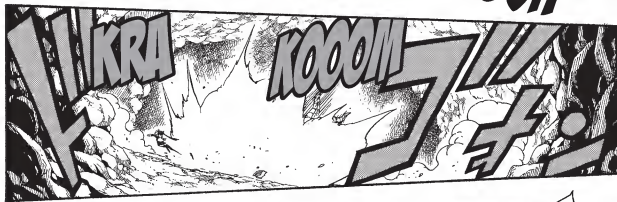






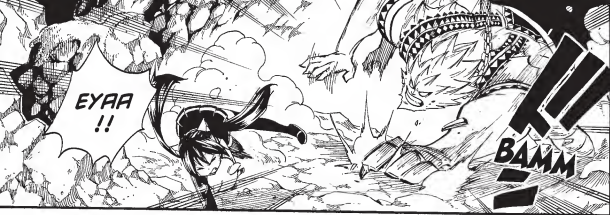


She just *had*
to stick me
with a petty
task like
this!!!!



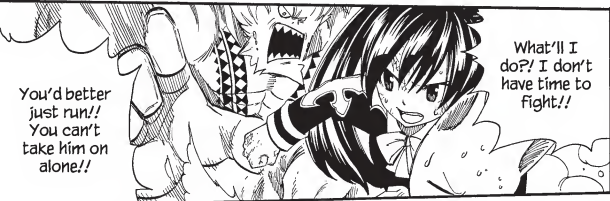
He's the
one who
started it
up, huh?

Tartaros
?!!



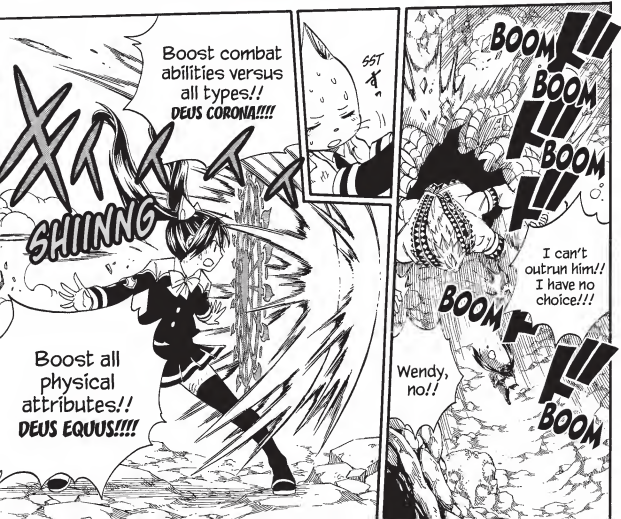
EYAA !!

BAMM



You'd better
just run!!
You can't
take him on
alone!!

What'll I
do?! I don't
have time to
fight!!



Boost combat
abilities versus
all types!!
DEUS CORONA!!!!

SSS
X

SHIINNG

Boost all
physical
attributes!!
DEUS EQUUS!!!!

BOOM!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

I can't
outrun him!!
I have no
choice!!!

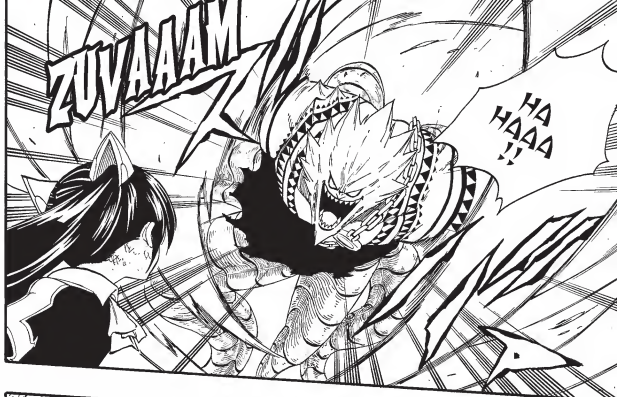
BOOM

Wendy,
no!!

BOOM







*Sky Dragon's Talons

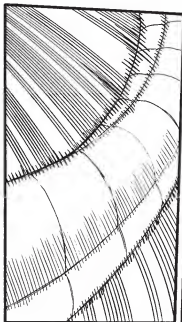
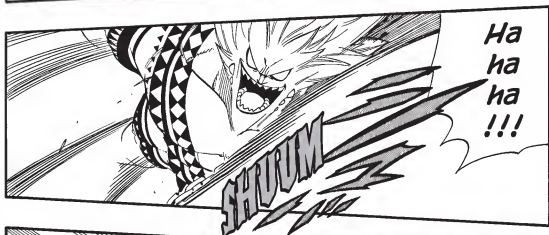


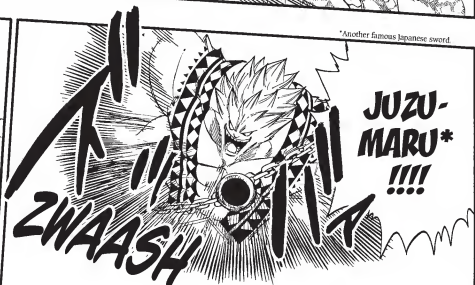
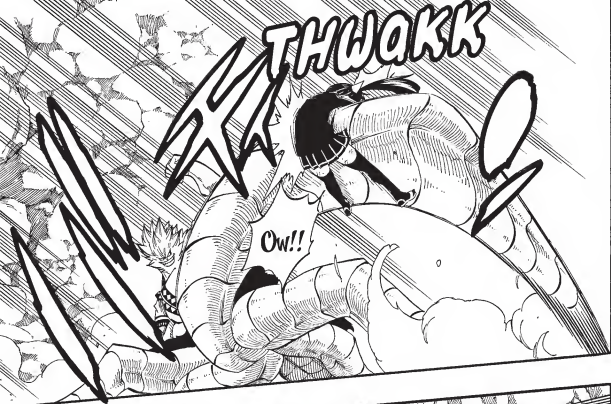


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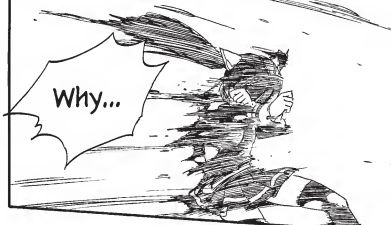
**A famous Japanese sword.





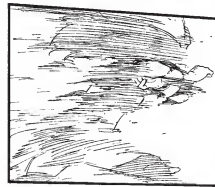


*Another famous Japanese sword.



Why...

I've enhanced
my defensive
magic several
times over, so
how...

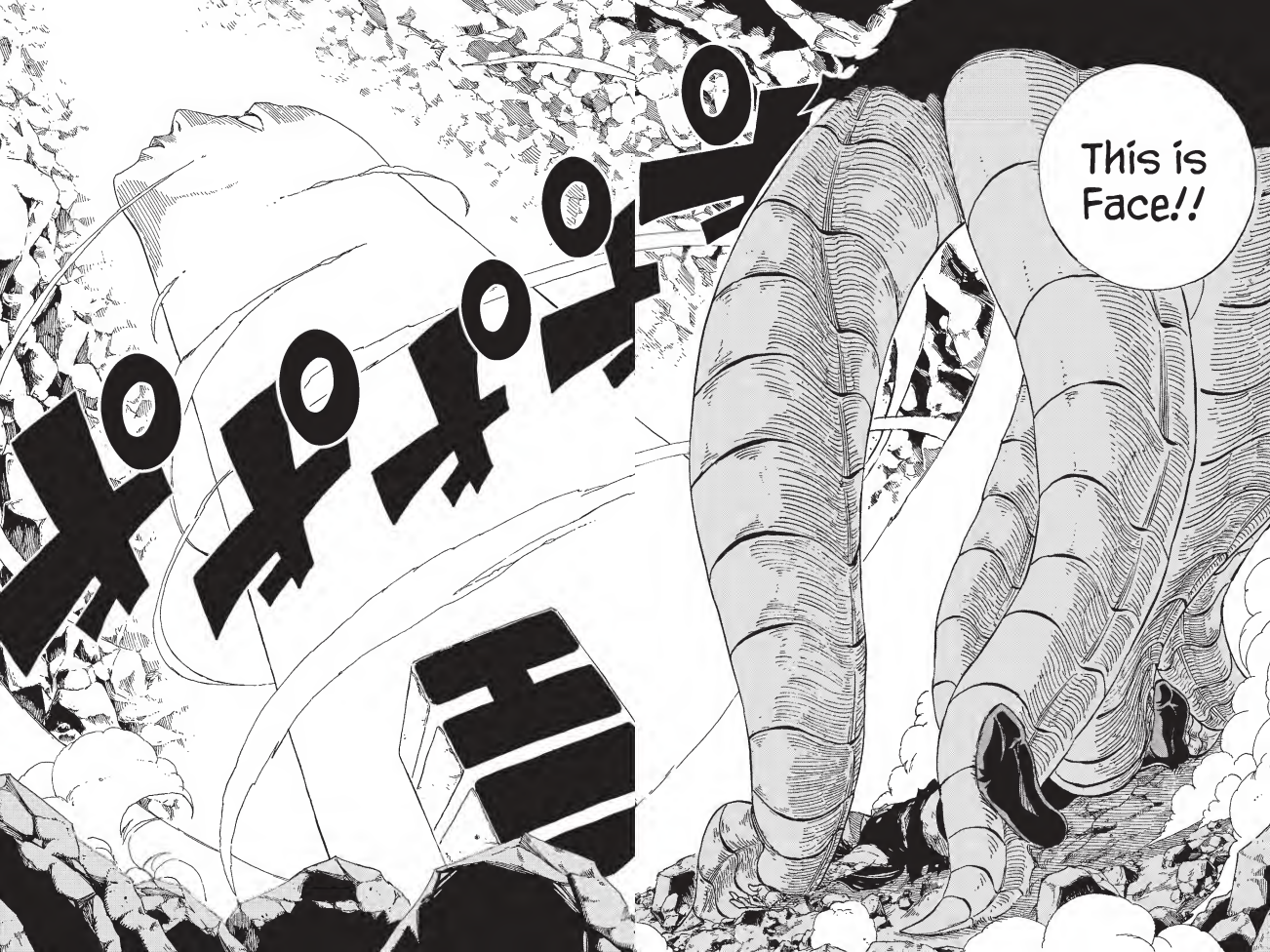


Nm!!



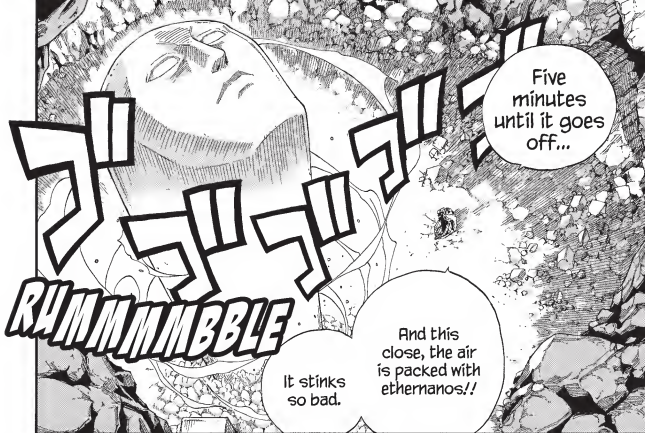
AA
AA !!
RUMBLE





フェイス

This is
Face!!



Five minutes until it goes off...

It stinks so bad.

And this close, the air is packed with eternanos!!

Paving the way for our curse power to rule the world!!

But think about it! Those magic particles are just about to steal away all the magic on the continent...

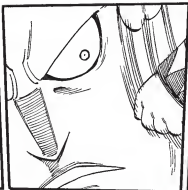


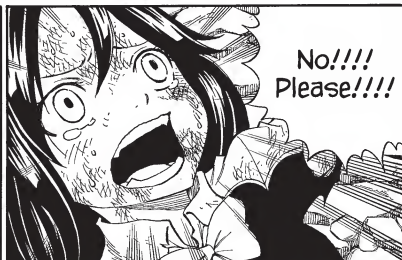
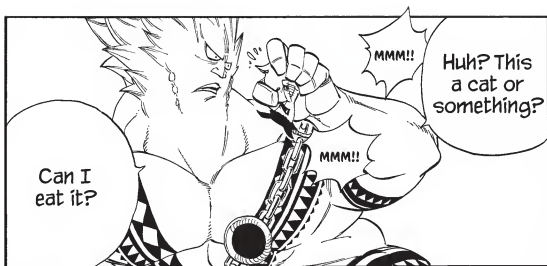
I'll do you a favor, and crush you to powder before that happens.

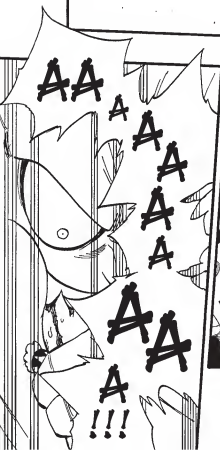
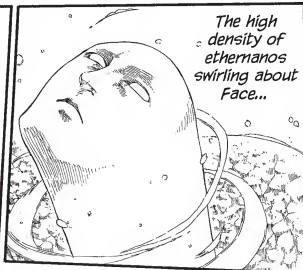
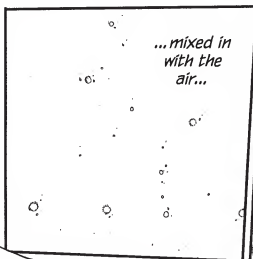


Urgh...

Ur-
um...



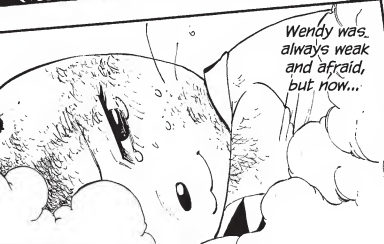
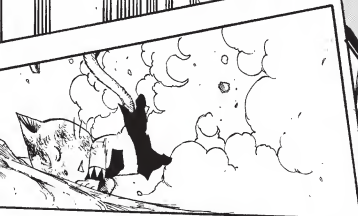




...then
just
maybe...



What
...?!!



Wendy was
always weak
and afraid,
but now...

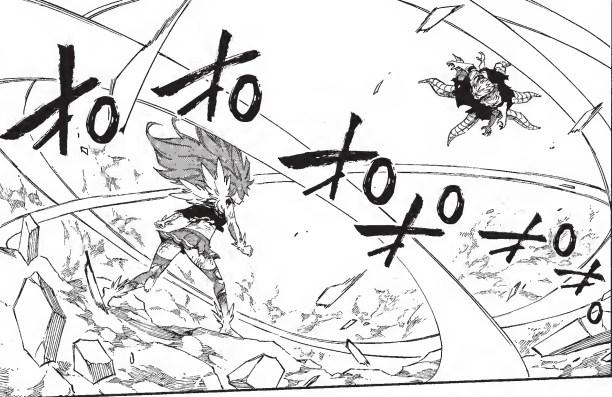






Chapter 317: The Sky Dragon's Rage





Right
now, the
air here...

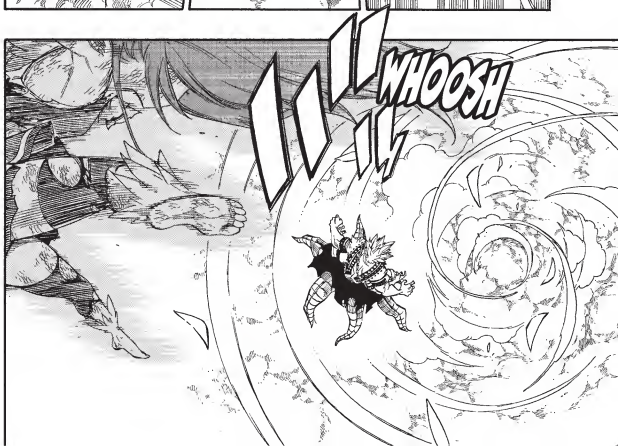
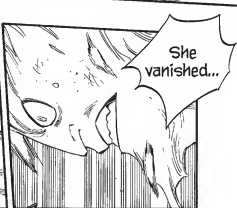
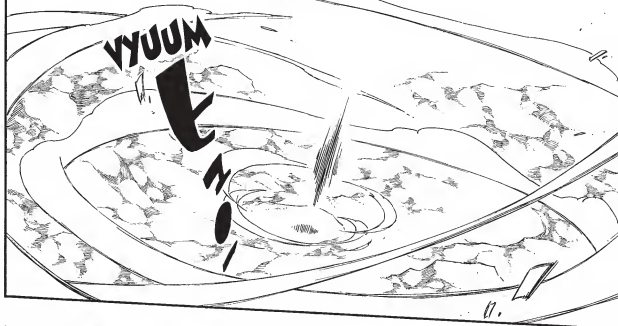
Feel the
heartbeat
of the
atmosphere!

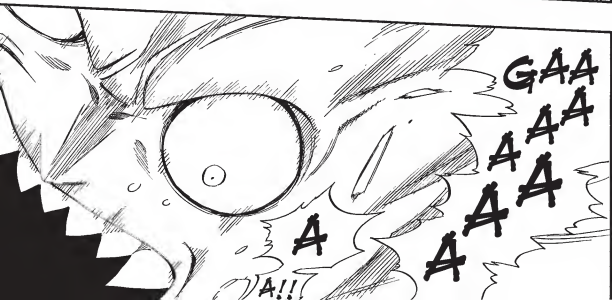
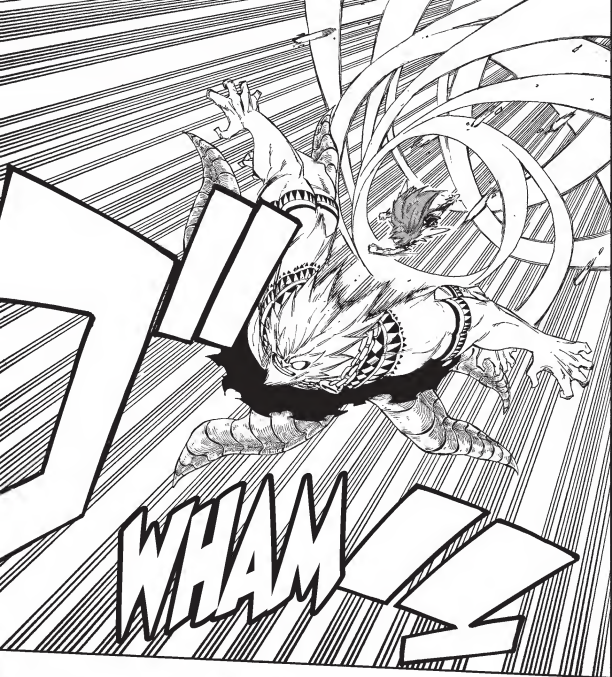
I can
hear the
voice of
the wind...

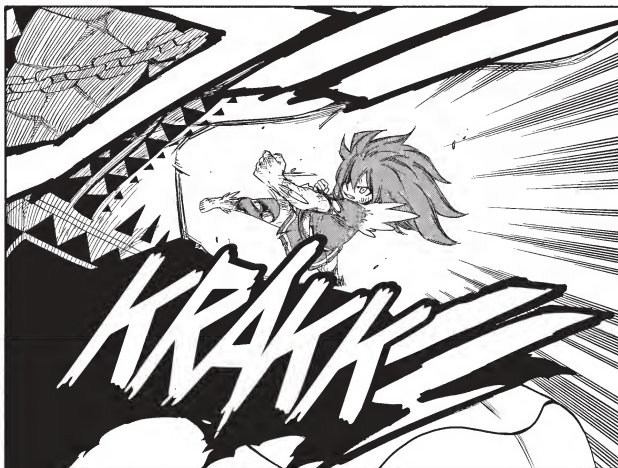


...is
under my
control!!

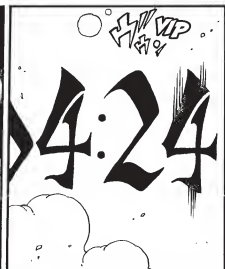
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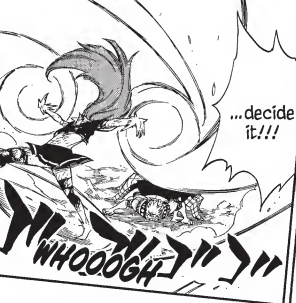












...can cut
through
anything
and every-
thing!!!!

My
curse
power,
Yôtô...

A word for any sword that has unnatural powers.

ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT
ZWATT

Mika-
zuki*
!!!!

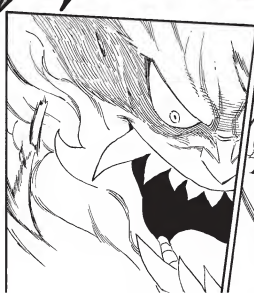
A famous Japanese sword.

Wendy
!!!!

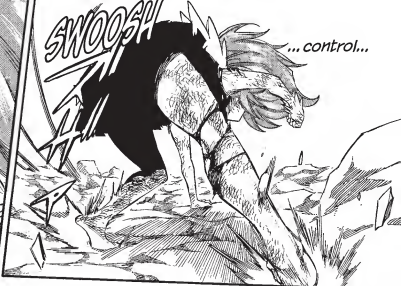
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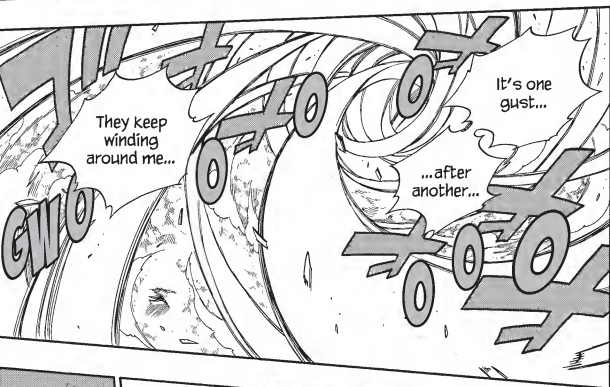
SHÔHA:
TEN-
KÛSEN*
!!!!

KOOOOOM

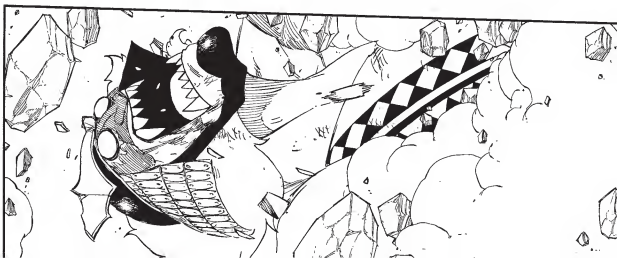
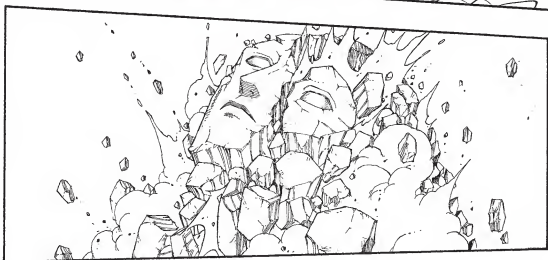






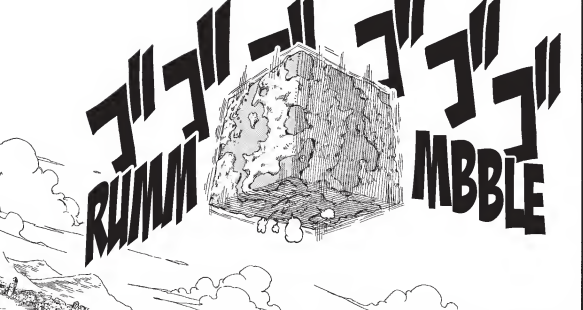












Looks like your friend
was too late... It seems
the end is nigh for the
age of magic!



WHOA!



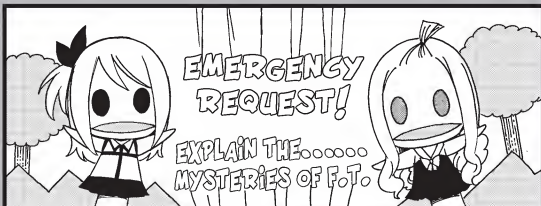
Ork!



What's
that?!



I'm so
sorry...



At a gym somewhere...

Lucy: Hey, everybody!! Hi there!!

Mira: Hello!! We only have one page this time, so let's get right to it!

Lucy: Right. First question.

What do Gray's Buns and JuviBuns taste like?



• They look delicious!

Lucy: Juvia's good at that stuff. She's got a lot of feminine power!

Mira: As for what they taste like, they must be filled with the *taste of love*, right?



• Yeah, that tells me absolutely nothing.

Mira: Then the taste of life!

Lucy: Let's go to the next question.

In the founding photo for Fairy Tail (?) who is the guy over on the right?



Mira: We've heard a whole lot of guesswork from the readers on this one!



• He looks sort of familiar.



• It's Laxus!! Couldn't it be Laxus when he was younger?



• No, no, no, no... This was taken 105 years ago.

Mira: Okay, the master when he was younger?

Lucy: I don't think the master was even born yet back then.

Mira: Then...



• You'll find the correct answer to that question in Fairy Tail Zero, a series running currently in Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine!

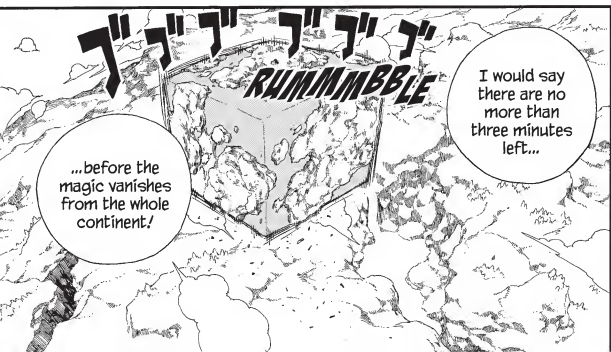


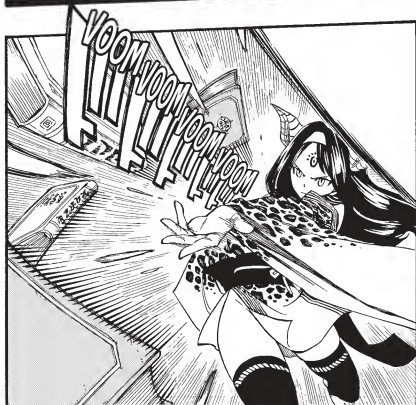
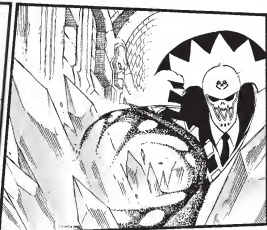
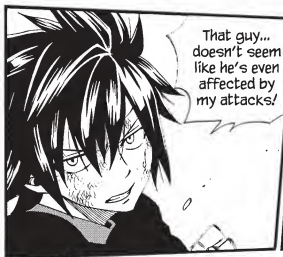
• Wow! That was a really subtle advertisement, wasn't it?

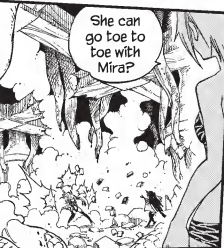
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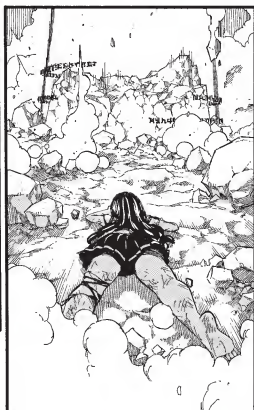
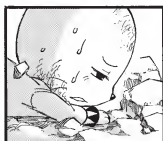
Chapter 378: Friends Forever

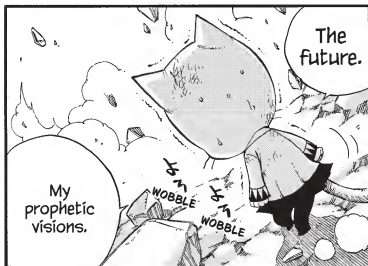
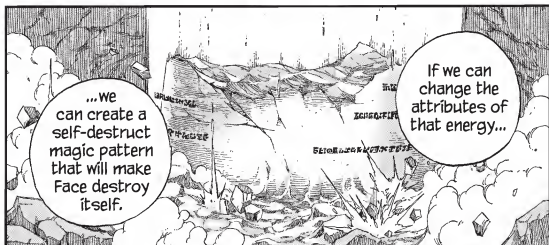
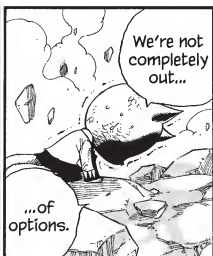
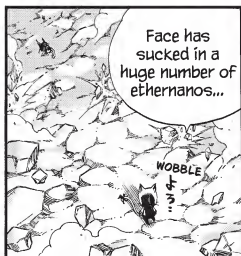


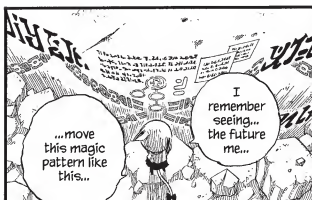
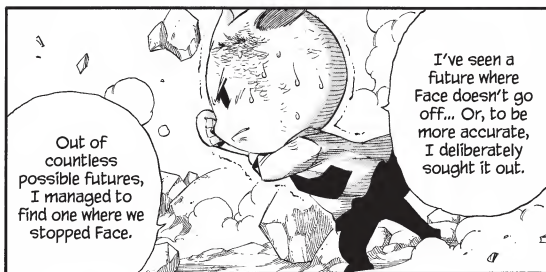


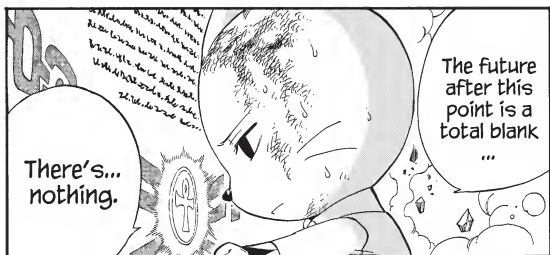














That's true.

No... Our friends... They're fighting right now... If they... couldn't use magic anymore...

I mean... like in Edolas...

I've...been thinking... We can live without magic, can't we?

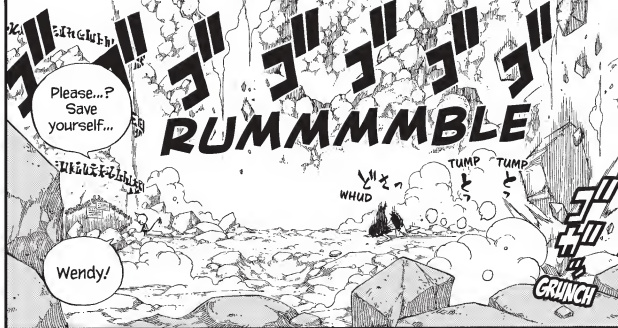


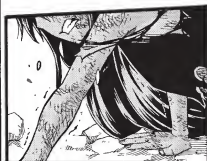
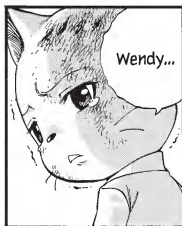
What are you talking about, Carla?!! No!!! I won't!!!

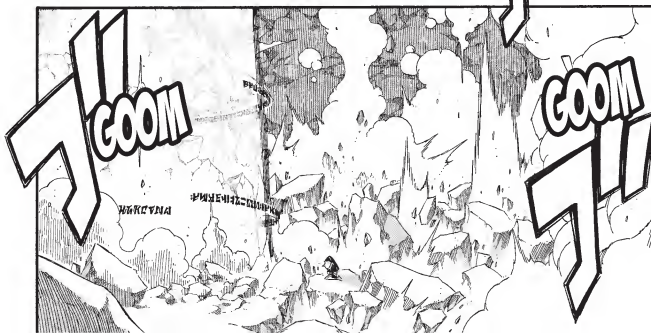
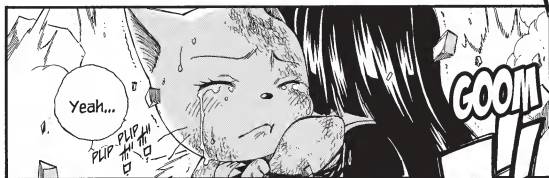
So why don't you get as far away as you can?

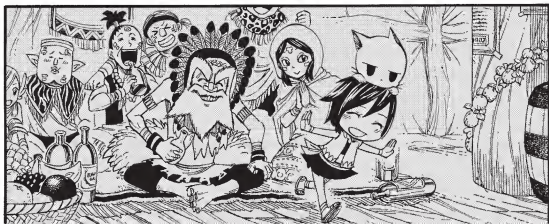
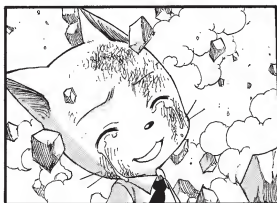
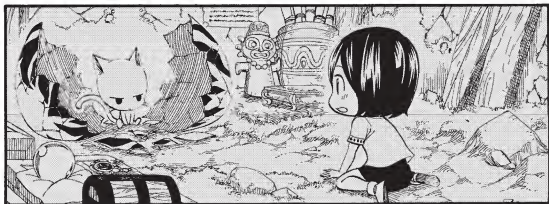
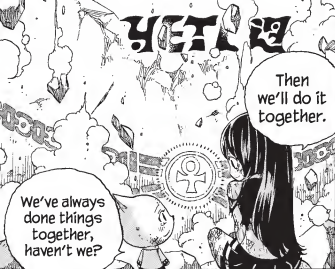
And just let me take care of this.

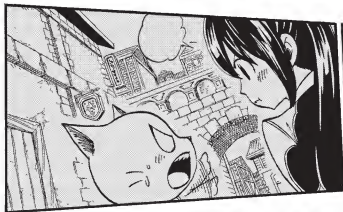
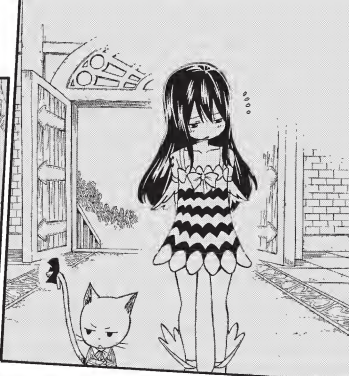
Wendy, I can't predict... or foresee how large the explosion will be...





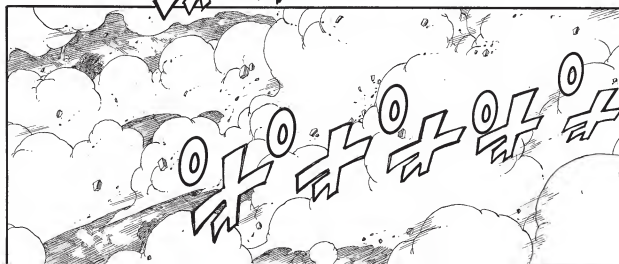
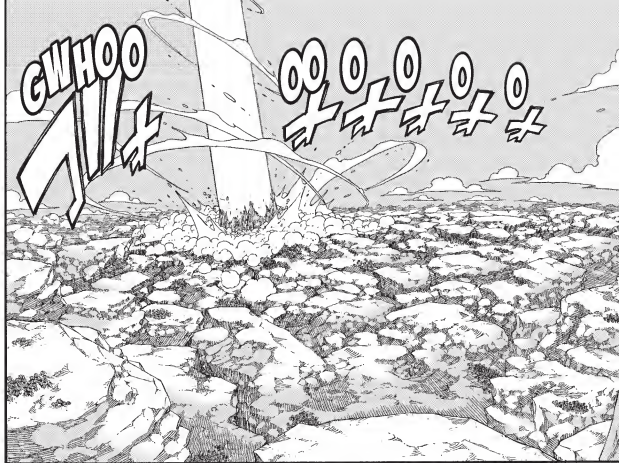


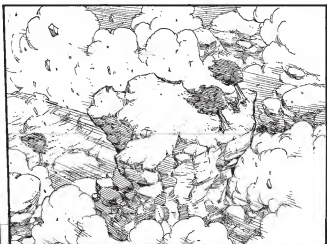
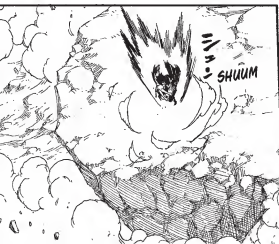
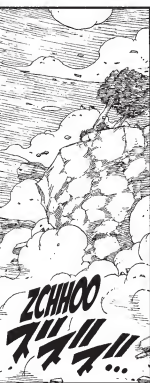
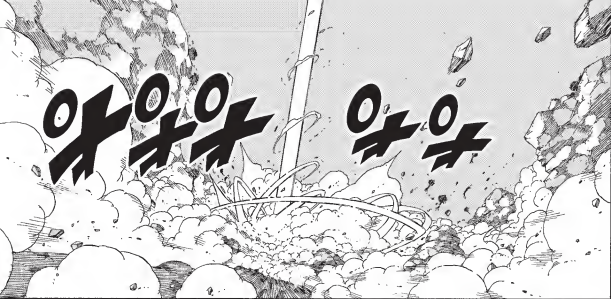














TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Big news!! The first Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine comes out the same day as this volume does in Japan!! Clap, clap, clap!! We call it a magazine, but actually it's a set with a DVD and a fan book, all for 2,759 yen! A new type of product that has never been sold before. The anime DVD includes four episodes of the TV series plus a specially edited bonus feature. The bonus feature has some anime scenes made just for this DVD. That's pretty amazing!!

And the fan book includes a brand-new manga series by me, Hiro Mashima, called Fairy Tail Zero, and it will run every month. As it's planned right now, Mavis is the main character, and it will include the events leading up to the founding of Fairy Tail. There's also a spinoff manga in the magazine featuring Gray. That manga will be a part of a new Fairy Tail world by our great manga hope, Yusuke Shirato!! He's a real worker, so much so that I can recommend him with confidence! You want more? On top of that, the fan book will also include interviews with the voice actors, character rundowns and analyses, and loads of other fun stuff!!

A very large group of people, all with love for Fairy Tail, have gathered to make wonderful DVDs and fan books for this project! So I'd like you all to please take Monthly Fairy Tail Magazine into your hearts!

FAIRY TAIL 44

TARTAROS ARC

COUNCIL IS BLOWN UP → Council Members All Destroyed
In a highly-visible and shocking way! They're after Memento

PREVIEW

Natsu vs. One of the Nine Demon Gates

Lahar and Doranbolt are the only survivors

Hard battle and Lucy helps

They trade THE SEIS their freedom for information

JELLAL

VS

Chapter 1

Erza and Mira battle together. They realize this is part of the former chairman's plan

7 or 8 chapters

Fairy Tail Destroyed

They're captured and sent to Tartaros Again...

Elfman betrays them. Cana betrays as well.

Chapter 2 Wendy and Carla battle to their limits to stop Memento, and they appear to have died in the attempt.

Chapter 3

is summoned!!!!

Until

GAJEEL VS. TORAFUZAR
ERZA VS. MINERVA
GRAY VS. SILVER

Juvia vs. Keyes

Point

Very important to Silver... Link?



真島ヒロ

This is the plot from the earliest conception. Actual names and events have been altered.

FROM HIRO NASHIMA



I went to Nagano Prefecture to have a signing as a part of the celebrations for Weekly Shonen Magazine's 55th Anniversary. It was my first visit back to my home area in a long time, and it was for a signing, so it was really a lot of fun for me. I saw some old classmates and a few school friends who graduated in other years too. Next will be Hokkaido. To tell the truth, this will be my first time setting foot on Hokkaido soil!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 94,

Cowbane Canyon

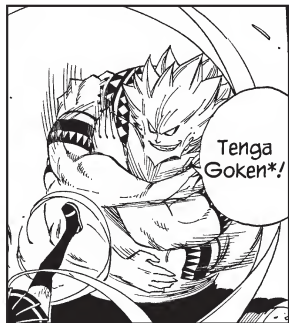
In the Japanese version, the canyon is called Dokuzeri, which is a type of *Cicuta* plant (water hemlock) called northern water hemlock, also known as cowbane in English. It might be called that because it is highly poisonous but may look to a cow like a normal edible plant.

Page 141,

Five Swords

Under Heaven

The *Tenga Goken*, also called the *Gomeiken* ("Five Famous Swords"), are five swords made by famous swordsmiths from the Heian Era, about a thousand years ago, until the Sengoku Era a little over 400 years ago. Most still exist and are considered national treasures. The five blades include Dōjigiri, Onimaru, Mikazuki Munetchika, Ōtenta, and Juzumaru.



Page 141, Onimaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the sword master Kunitsuna. Legend has it that it belonged to Tokiyori Hojo, the fifth *shikken* (regent) of the Kamakura Shogunate. When a mysterious illness befell Tokiyori, the sword could tell that an evil spirit was conspiring with Tokiyori's *oni*-shaped hibachi stove. It leapt from its scabbard and struck down the hibachi, saving Tokiyori from his illness and earning itself the name Onimaru.



Page 143, Juzumaru

One of the Five Swords Under Heaven, made by the master swordsmith Tsunetsugu of the Bichu school of sword making (named for a region now mostly in Okayama Prefecture). Although it doesn't have quite as imaginative a name as Onimaru, Juzumaru is named after the Buddhist holy man Nichiren, founder of the Nichiren sect of Buddhism, who made his name by predicting the Mongol invasion and the 'divine wind' that would wipe out most of the invading force. According to legend, Nichiren wore the Juzumaru sword and wrapped his rosary-like prayer beads (*juzu*) around it.

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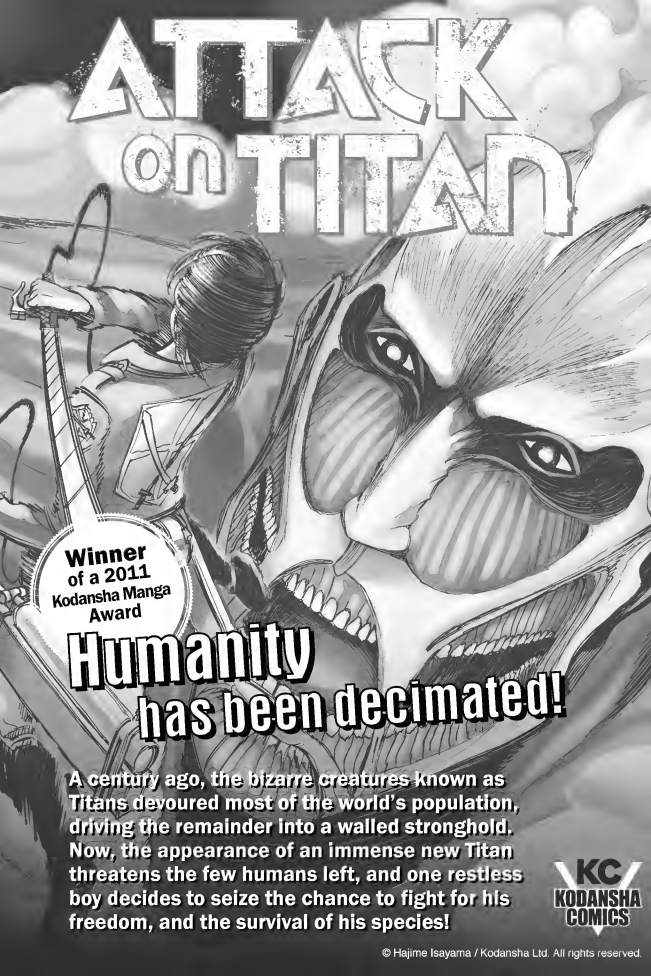
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